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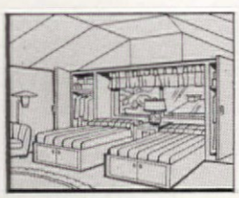
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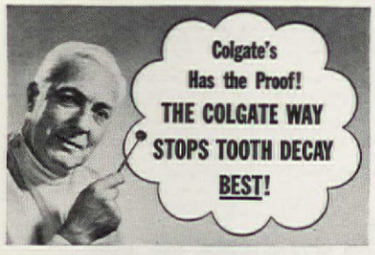
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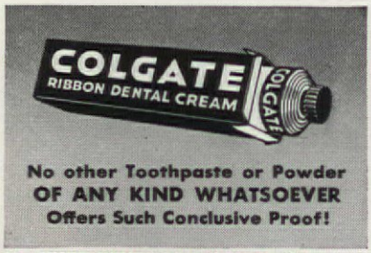
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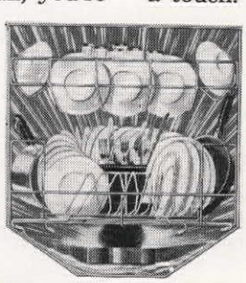
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. . . MRS. LYMAN JOHNSON'S beloved garden, and her collection of handsome things in which to display the flowers she grows (page 102) are all one hobby—one which gives scope to her keen sense of design and color. She finds time for them despite demanding civic-minded jobs she's undertaken in Los Angeles.



. . . FRANK W. STURM, the engineer who was inspired by an AMERICAN HOME article to blueprint a new kind of community (page 43) has, since graduation from Dartmouth, been concerned with heavy construction. Now an ardent citizen of New Hampshire, he was born in Sarajevo, in what is now Yugoslavia, raised in Philadelphia, and schooled in the anthracite regions of Pennsylvania.



. . . HUBBARD H. COBB, our new Building and Maintenance Editor, is

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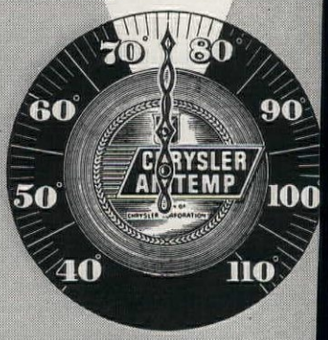
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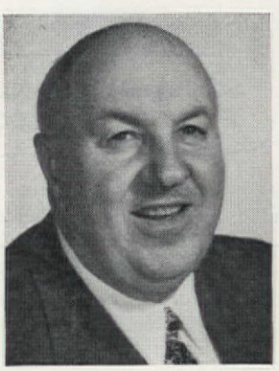
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a man you may well have met before. He is the author, among other books, of *The Complete Home Handyman's Guide* and *The Amateur Builders Handbook*—and a new one is due soon from Houghton Mifflin. His daily column, "Fix It Yourself," is syndicated in 50 newspapers, and he has conducted a housing radio program over CBS. He's kept a 200-year-old family homestead in Connecticut from giving up the ghost, and building two houses for and by himself.



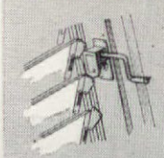
. . . **RODNEY WALKER** first tried his architectural theories on himself. While still studying at UCLA, he and his wife built their own home. He has specialized in small modern houses, aims to develop a "functional house which, through the honest use of basic structure, color, texture, and surface material will eliminate the coldness . . . criticized in so many modern homes." That he succeeds in doing so, you can see on page 36.



. . . **CHARLES F. PYKE,** Los Angeles architect and motion-picture art director who designed the house on page 44 for his own use, believes that the trend in residential architecture is toward modernized traditional. Born in Indiana, he got his degree from the University of Pennsylvania and toured the world before settling in Los Angeles.



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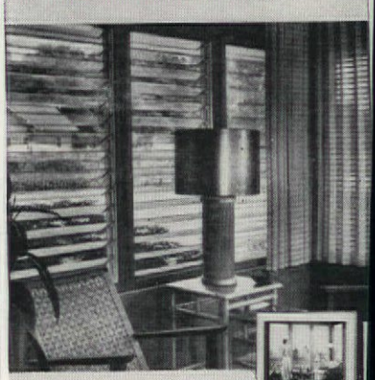
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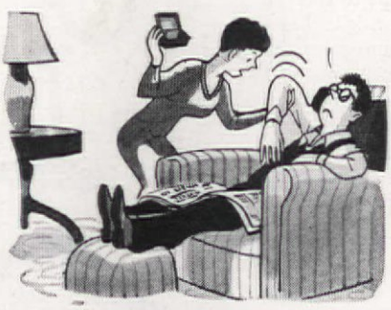


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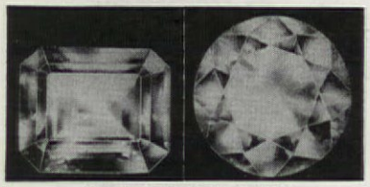
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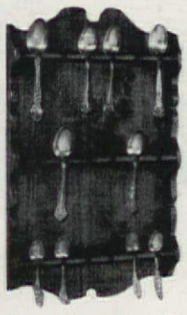
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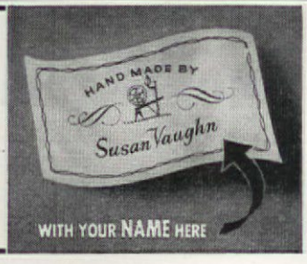
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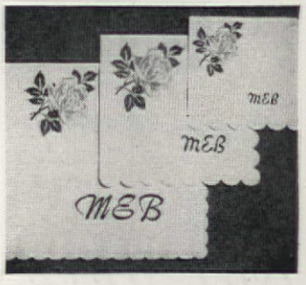
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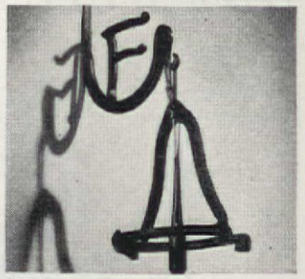
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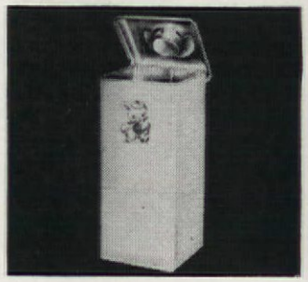
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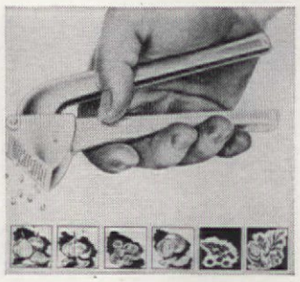
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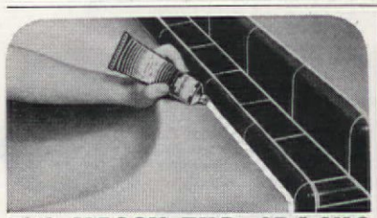
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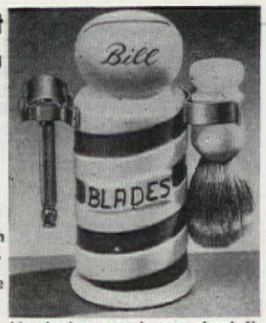


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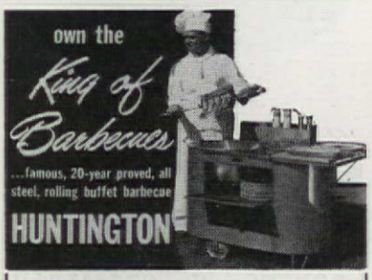
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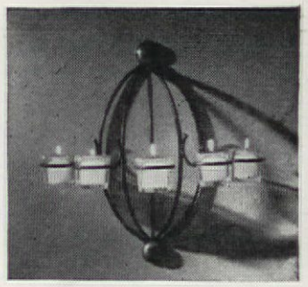
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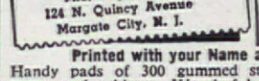
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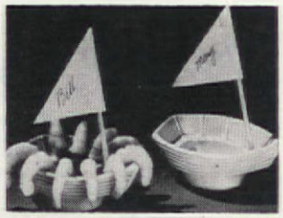
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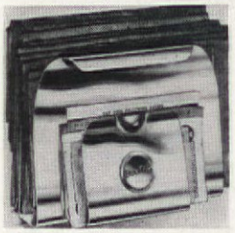
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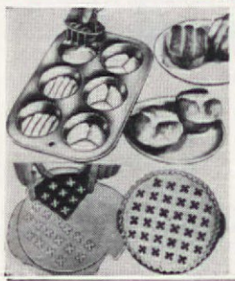
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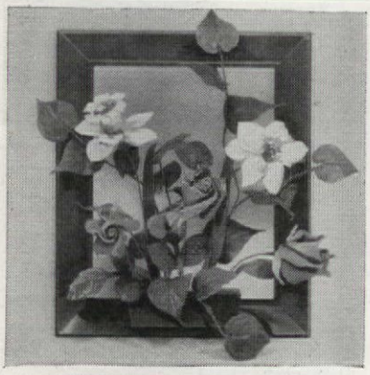


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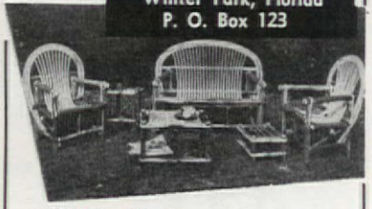
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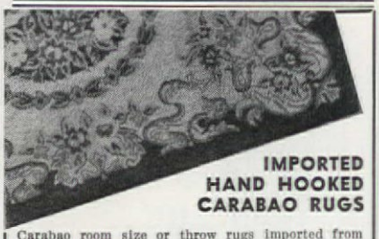
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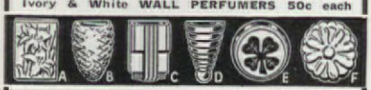
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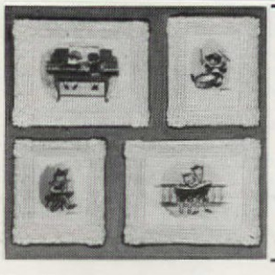
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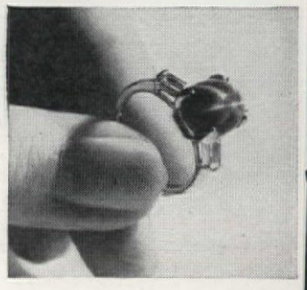
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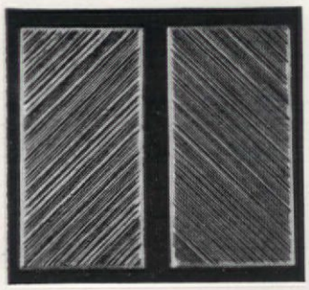


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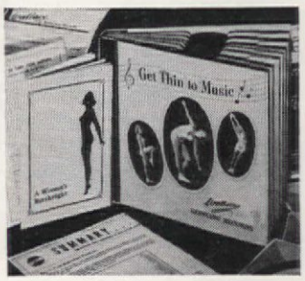
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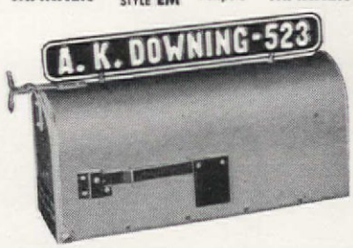
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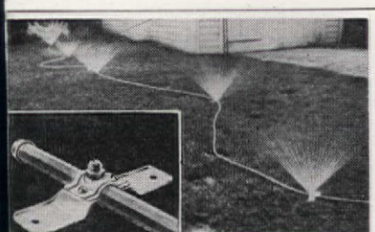
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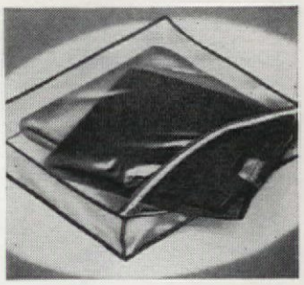
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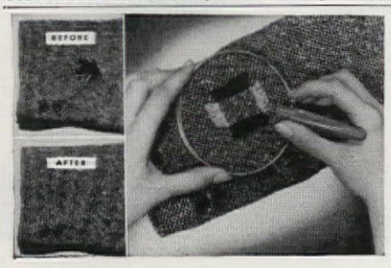
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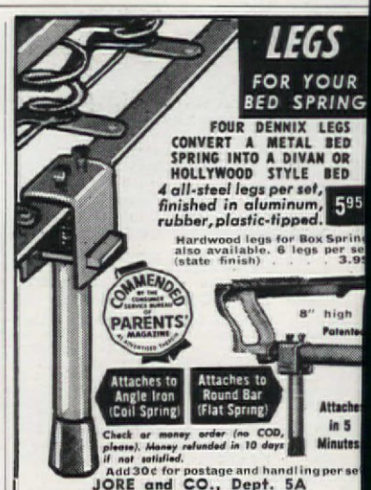
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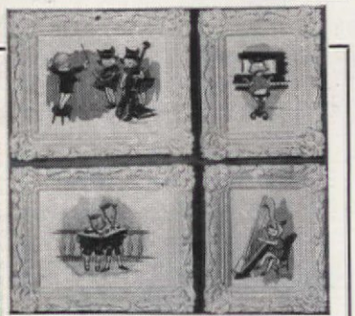
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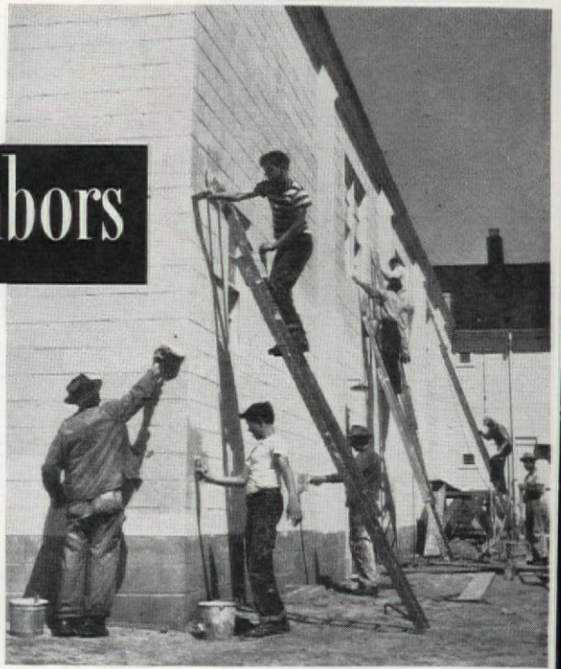
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What to do? The community had no wealthy members to "angel" the other half of the funds. The solution finally came from a local man, Charles Bowman, who talked the school directors into a plan whereby the school would, in effect, be its own contractor. For less than $20,000, he offered to do the job on a time and materials basis, using volunteer help wherever possible.

His offer was accepted, and work began in earnest. Quality was not sacrificed, nor was floor space. One of the new gym's most outstanding features is a first-class hardwood floor with a playing area 74 ft. x 40 ft. for basketball, badminton, or volleyball. In close competition for top honors is the professionally executed stage with excellent lighting and production facilities as well as four dressing rooms and provision for future locker installations.

The amount of work done by volunteer Bonny Slopers was astounding only if you lose sight of the co-operative spirit which guided all their efforts. The retractable riggings on the basketball mounts, for example, were welded by a local garageman from plans drawn up by the school principal, Charles Carlon. The cost? $40 for materials. The lowest bid for this rigging had been $575! Even the colored markings on the playing floor, a most professional job, represent a Saturday morning's work by an enthusiastic trio composed of the school janitor, the principal, and the paint supplier. Again, only the cost of the paint was involved,

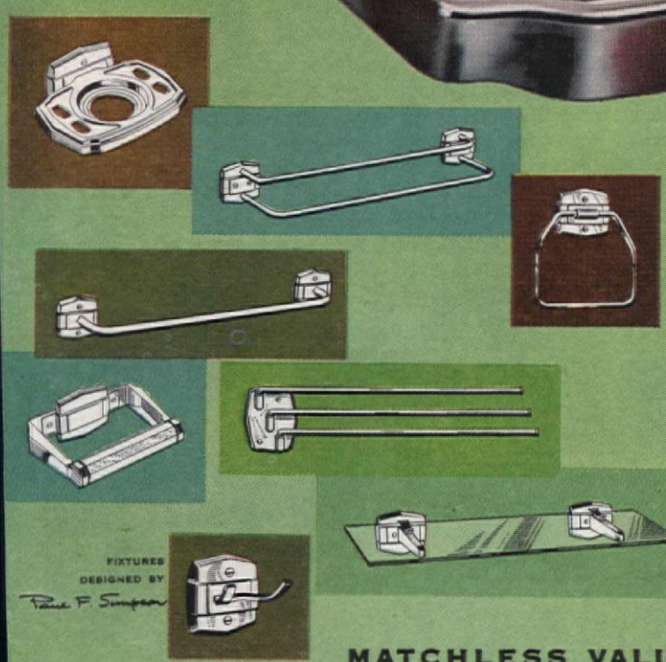
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Community Gym (Begins on page 18)



School Principal Charles Carlon tries unsuccessfully to "sample" some of the food prepared by community women for the volunteer crews working on the gymnasium project

whereas a sign painter had given an estimate of $80 for the job.

The completed concrete block building cost $18,057.49. To this was added the price of electric wiring at $507; a heating plant, $1375; and stage curtains, $952. Total bill came to $20,891.49, and fitted neatly into the bond-issue budget of $21,000. The secret of this "miracle" lies in the co-operative efforts and willing hands which made the many small do-it-yourself economies add up to tremendously significant savings.

One of the many stories that are told with a chuckle by volunteer crew members is the one about Principal Carlon and School Chairman Mitchell, who decided to give a little spirit to the exterior painting by competing for teams. Carlon was to organize a crew to paint Saturday afternoon, and Mitchell one for the morning. Carlon found it so easy to recruit members that by the appointed day he had nearly every available man and boy in Bonny Slope on his "team." Mitchell, undaunted, surprised Carlon with a most competent crew of women, who not only painted two thirds of the building before afternoon, but cooked a fried-chicken dinner for all the painters between shifts. Besides all the meals they prepared for volunteer workers, the women of Bonny Slope raised funds for PTA, and sewed some thirty gowns for the school chorus, which now appears at community functions.

More and more of the community's life centers around the school. The enthusiasm over the gym project has put new pride in a community which is still hard to find on a map. It is an often-heard boast of Bonny Slope children that "*my* Mom and Dad helped build our gym!"



Volunteer crew members take time out from their work on the gym to enjoy a community meal, home-cooked by Bonny Slope women and served picnic-style on outdoor trestle tables

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A. *Your choice of color* is, perhaps, the most important decision you will make when choosing your new rug or carpet. *If your furniture and furnishings are predominantly dark, a light carpet will probably set them off to best advantage.* If they are light in tone, you will more than likely want a dark carpet to lend contrast.

2 Q. Should I Choose A Pattern Or Solid Color?

A. *This is largely a matter of taste.* Generally speaking, however, a solid color—or a carpet limited to various tones of the same color—will harmonize with a wider variety of other furnishings. On the other hand, if you wish to express your own individual taste very dramatically, you may prefer a multi-colored pattern. Patterns, incidentally, do not show soil as easily as a solid color.

● When it comes to deciding on color and pattern, the main thing to remember is that you will be living with your new carpet for a long time, so you should pick one you really *like!*

3 Q. How Do Carpet Color And Pattern Affect The Feeling Of Spaciousness In A Room?

A. *Light colors or cool colors* make small rooms appear larger, while dark colors or warm colors give even a large room an intimate, cozy air. Patterns tend to make a room seem smaller. So if you want to use a pattern in a small room, choose a small pattern—or a single color in a sculptured or tone-on-tone effect that creates a muted self-pattern.

4 Q. Does The Texture Of A Carpet, In Itself, Have Any Decorative Effect?

A. *Definitely.* For example, some very exciting new effects with beautiful gradations of color and shading are being achieved through the use of both high and low loops, or tufts, in the same carpet. The interplay of light and shadows on the uneven surface creates a subdued feeling of pattern.

● Through your choice of texture, you can key the tone of your rooms. *A carpet with a nubby texture, for instance, lends an air of informality,* while others—sculptured or tone-on-tone carpets, say—give a luxurious feeling of formality.

5 Q. Have There Been Any Recent Developments In The Materials Used In Carpets?

A. *Yes, a number of them.* The most important is an amazing new man-made fiber called *carpet rayon.* This revolutionary new fiber was especially developed for carpets and has made possible new and desirable characteristics never before achieved. For example, through special "blends" of wool or other fibers and *carpet rayon,* manufacturers can now create exceptionally rugged and durable carpets in more striking color effects and with a more luxurious, more brilliant luster.

6 Q. What About Price And Value?

A. It pays to buy the *best* grade carpet your budget will permit. But remember—price alone is not always necessarily a true yardstick of value. Different makes of carpets selling at exactly the same price may vary considerably in quality. *That is why—whether you're planning on a needle-loomed carpet at $4.95 a square yard or $35-a-yard custom Chenille—it's so important that you buy a well-known make you know you can trust.*

7 Q. What About Cotton Carpets?

A. *For some purposes,* cotton carpets are excellent. You will find that they soil more easily but clean well. They also crush more easily but the crushing usually enhances their decorative effect. *Due to their high-style texture and stunning colors, cottons have a definite place in modern decorating.* If you decide on cotton, remember the better grades are *loom woven*—actually woven on a carpet loom.

8 Q. Is Broadloom A Specific Kind Of Carpet?

A. *No. Any* seamless carpet or rug over 54 inches wide is called broadloom, because it is woven on a *broad* loom.

9 Q. Should I Choose Wall-To-Wall Carpeting Or Room-Sized Rugs?

A. *That depends.* Wall-to-wall carpeting is generally more desirable if you own your own home or plan to remain in your present apartment or rented house for some years to come. Wall-to-wall carpeting gives rooms a more luxurious appearance and makes them seem larger. Laid throughout several adjoining rooms, it helps tie the rooms together, thus making your home appear more spacious. Also, wall-to-wall carpeting makes housekeeping easier.

● Room-sized rugs also have their advantages. "Customade" room-sized rugs are made in a number of sizes to fit practically any room. They cost somewhat less than wall-to-wall carpeting, because they are slightly smaller and there is no installation cost. They can be easily taken up and can be turned from time to time to equalize wear. If you choose a room-sized rug, make sure that it is only a few inches from the wall at any point. Otherwise, it will look skimpy and make the room appear smaller.

10 Q. Will It Pay Me To Buy Carpet Cushions?

A. *Yes!* National Bureau of Standards tests show cushions make carpets wear 73% to 146% longer! Here, again, it's wise to buy the best quality you can afford—and to make sure your cushion, too, bears a famous brand name.

● ● **With the information** above in mind, you are now ready to start thinking about making a definite selection. But before you go shopping, remember—if you want the *best value* for your money, deal with a reliable store and choose a well-known brand!



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How We Work

Pages 27–33 show we've been shopping—all over the map. But we shop most intensively at semi-annual Markets in Chicago where manufacturers from all parts of the country show new lines in the gigantic Merchandise Mart and Furniture Mart. Don't think we don't love those Market jaunts, the excitement of seeing everything new, all at once—and of picking the best. However—well, those feet at the top of the page tell eloquently how we feel at the end of a day of walking through literally miles of displays! We separate, then meet to talk it over. Just below, Associate Home Equipment Editor Roz Guerra inspects a new home freezer, and in the middle picture, Decoration Editor Mary Monze and John Lippert select new fabrics. The bottom shot, taken late at night, is a study in real co-operation: One manufacturer lent us a showroom in which to photograph another maker's things. Editors Gertrude Dixson and Jim Wiley (next to her) look as if it had been a hard day. It had!

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Dear Editor:

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Dear Sir:

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Dear Editor:

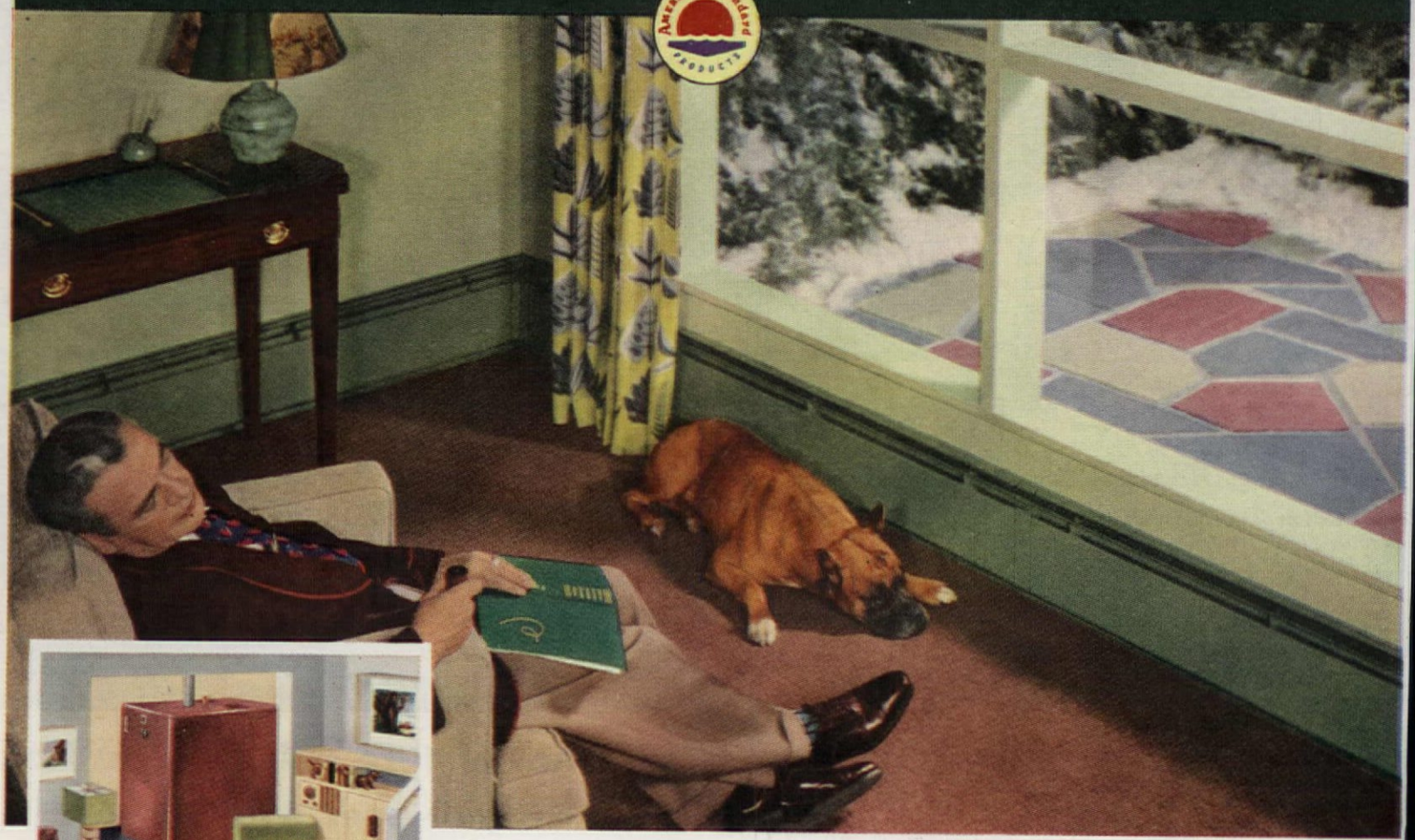
Far be it from me to puncture anyone's balloon, or convince the kids that "There ain't no Santa Claus," but . . . I myself retired nine years ago much younger than the hero of our story, and on about the same amount of pension. My hundred dollars per month now buys about forty-eight dollars' worth of supplies, a five thousand dollar house now costs ten thousand. Such a house as described in the article, with three sets of plumbing, heating plant, basement, attached garage, etc., could possibly be built in this section for twenty thousand at present, which amount would gnaw quite a hole in the twelve thousand that he expects to get for his present home. . . . What does he propose to build, a play house for the grandchildren or an Old

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Do we Americans love our homes? Well, last year U.S. homemakers bought something like 12 *billion* dollars' worth of furniture, appliances, and other housewares in retail stores, and that sum doesn't include our bill for rent and home ownership! With that kind of dough at stake, we want to be sure *your* good money goes for things which will look well, and perform well, for years to come—and if something better is around the corner, we want you to know about it before you make an important investment. Here at AMERICAN HOME, it's our job to see that you do. That's why, twice a year, our editors go shopping for you all over the country to spot the trends, compare the values, and pick the best to show you. Here, and on the next six pages, is a preview of what you'll be seeing in the stores this summer.

FURNITURE: Though design news is in Contemporary, Traditional and Provincial styles hold their own. Strong influence comes from Italian moderns (April issue, page 44) whose idiom we've translated into carefully crafted furniture which seems almost to float on well shaped slender legs. American Colonial and regional styles also inspired some graceful modern. Until about 10 years ago, our furniture design was almost anonymous. Now designers' names come to the fore even in lower-priced furniture, and their artists' pride shows up in a beauty of design which gives us our own candidates for immortality.

In wooden furniture, regardless of style, exciting news is in combinations and finishes so rich and warm you'd hardly recognize the old basic woods. (Page 32.) In upholstered pieces, sleek good looks replace bulky effects, and size is scaled down so owners of small rooms get a break. Without sacrificing comfort, new construction and the increasing use of materials like foam rubber make it possible to build sofas and lounge chairs which either look smaller, or *are* smaller. More "easy" chairs have exposed frames to make them lighter in appearance and sufficiently lighter in reality to be moved with ease. (Page 30.) They come covered in fabrics which enhance the slim

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The News in Spring Fabrics

SMALL-SCALE PRINTS WITH AN EFFECT OF TEXTURE...

...A FRESH, FREE HANDLING OF TRADITIONAL SCENICS

Whatever fabric you're shopping for, the news about color this season is that *any* good color goes. No one shade or group of tones steals the scene, so you're the artist in charge. Some exciting exotic colors, clear and bold, claim attention—but there are beauties in the medium and pastel ranges, plenty of blacks and whites, and almost every color appears. In prints, the scale of the motifs is smaller, better for home use than oversize designs, and scenics are so well executed you could frame them as pictures. Except for Nos. 4 and 19, which are woven, the patterns shown here are all prints.



1 No standard "sweet" floral—faint background check gives this 36-in.-wide Everglaze chintz a textured look. Four colorings ($1.69). **2** Tiny but strong variation of check, ideal where over-all pattern is needed. Pre-shrunk 48-in. cotton sail cloth. Vat colors, six combinations ($1.98). **3** Inspired by modern painting, it looks well flat, has a wonderful swing when you drape it. Printed in vat colors on 48-in. cotton and rayon fabric with tree bark texture ($2.50). **4** Tightly woven check good with Provincial. 50-in. cotton, in 10 color combinations ($6.40). **5** For slip covers or ruffled draperies in early American rooms, a perky all-over pattern on 36-in. Everglaze chintz. 13 colorings ($1.49). **6** "Joss Sticks" borrowed from the Orient, is fine modern American décor, handsomely hand printed on 50-in. cotton and rayon antique satin with gold-color metallic overlay ($5.50). **7** Bold picture gallery for your home. "Shadow Box" is printed in vat colors on 48-in. preshrunk sail cloth. Several colorings ($2.25). **8** "Bounding Main," New England and nautical—and mighty fine inland, too. 36-in. Everglaze chintz in 5 colorings ($1.59). **9** "Natchez"—looks like a good water color. 50-in. Everglaze chintz, four colorings ($4.95). **10** A floral with enough character for any room. 36-in. Everglaze chintz in six colorings ($1.69). **11** "Violet Border" gives scope for clever tricks. Violets come in two other colors on 36-in. white Everglaze chintz ($1.59). **12** Plaids can be tiny without losing strength. This one, printed on sturdy 50-in. sateen, is good for upholstering, slip covers, draperies ($4). **13** Look closely at "Athenian" and you'll see Greek warriors. But the design is strictly 20th-century American with all-over effect. Seven colorings. 50-in. cotton and rayon antique satin ($4.95). **14** Tiny pattern enriched with gold overlay on sturdy 50-in. cotton and rayon antique satin ($5.50). **15** See how lovely a modern "stripe" can be? Printed in vat colors on 48-in. cotton and rayon bark cloth, in four combinations ($2.50). **16** Elegant as a skilled artist's drawing, subtly shaded. A choice of colors printed on 36-in. Everglaze chintz ($1.49). **17** "Baroda Stripe" inspired by India's splendor. Hand printed on 50-in. rayon and cotton antique satin run through with gold-colored threads ($5.50). **18** Remember this kind of old charmer? It's still good. 48-in. pre-shrunk sail cloth, seven colorings ($1.98). **19** The well proportioned stripe is woven into this hardy cotton fabric. 50 in., ($3.25).



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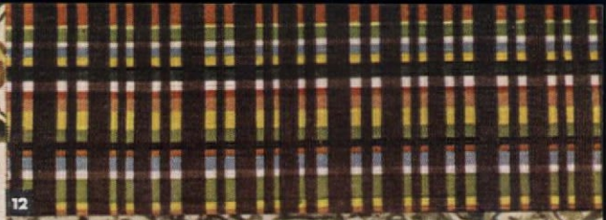

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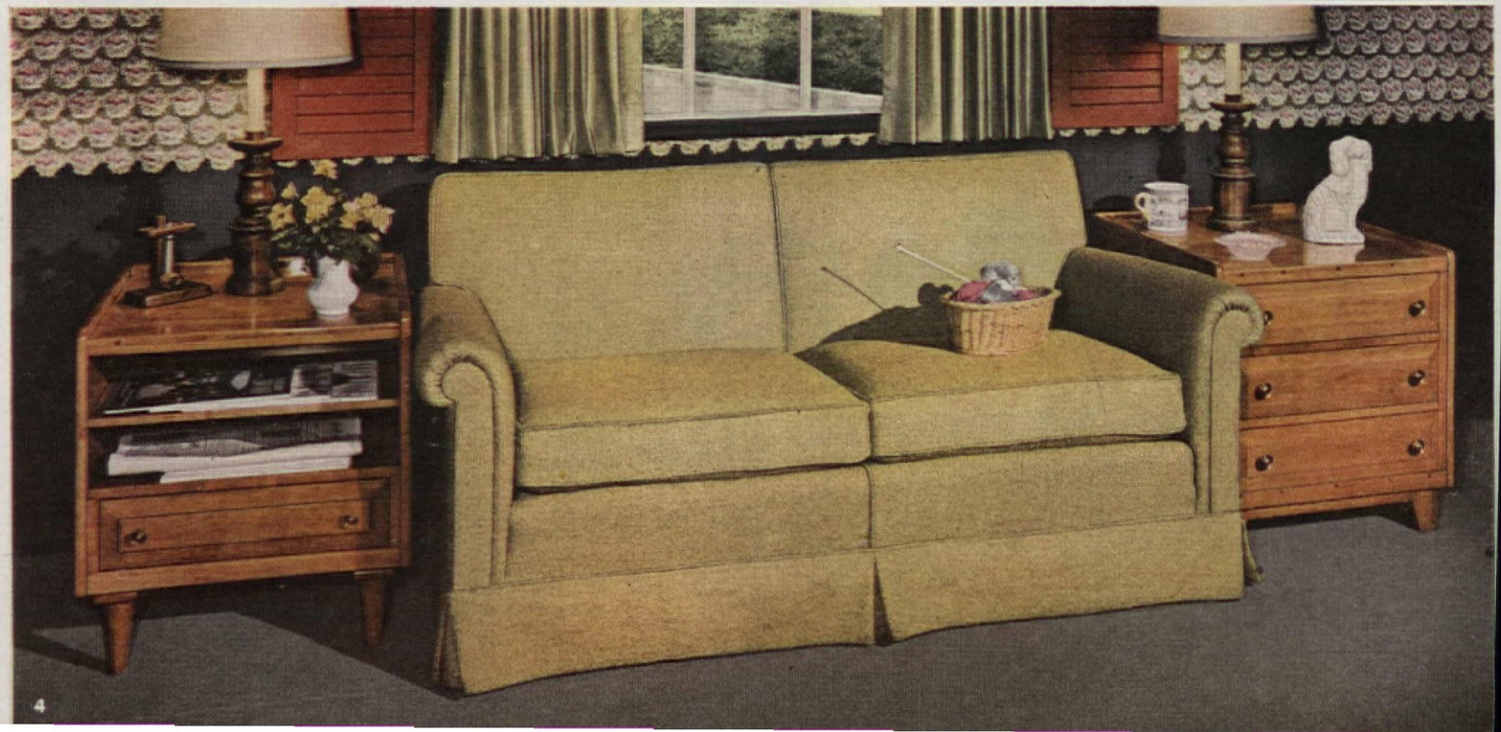
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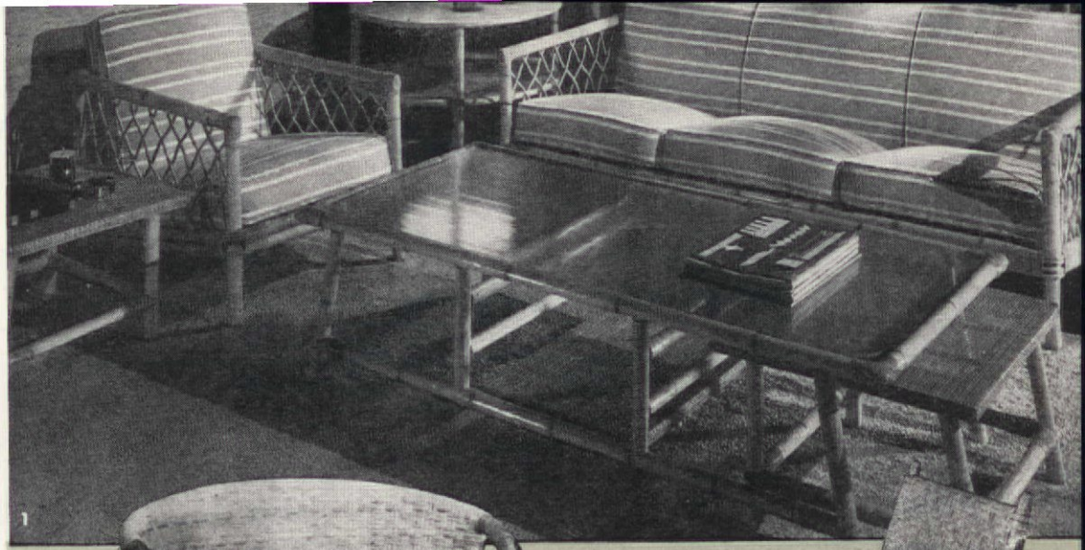


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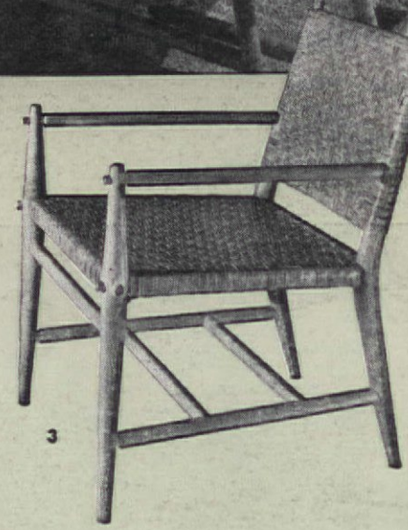


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The News in Summer Furniture

IS EXCELLENT DESIGNS IN ASH, RATTAN, CANE, AND INEXPENSIVE RATTAN PEEL

1 In small rooms, open frame maple chair looks less bulky than average lounge chair—but inside is as roomy (21 in. wide, 20 deep). Sharp slant of back, foam-rubber cushions, add to comfort ($149). **2** Price, not ease, is budgeted in these chairs. One basic wire shell is mounted on any of six bases, and completely covered with one-piece cushion or partly covered by back and seat cushions ($25–$40). **3** Full-size sofa scaled to look well in small room because back is gracefully shaped and low arms are slender. Outside dimensions: 75 in. long, 27 deep, 27 high ($329). **4** For a small area, the three-quarter sofa seats two amply and can welcome three. Outside: 68 in. long, 34 deep ($350).

1 Smart enough to use indoors, group at top of page blends several materials: rattan or wood for legs, arms, supporting members; woven rattan strips for panels and seats under cushions; ribbed glass or formica wood-grain table tops. (Settee, $250; coffee table, $110; stools under table, $39 each.) **2** Tub chair of bent rattan and woven rattan peel. Light as a breeze ($15). **3** New chair of hickory and hickory splints, sleekly smoothed, is weather resistant, unusually handsome ($37). **4** "Casual-elegant" look is really news in rattan peel, here hand-woven over rattan frame. (Chair, $20; foam cushion, $9.) **5** Two-position chaise of ash, bent and wrapped at joints to resemble rattan. Foot can elevate to 27 in. above ground for healthful rest. 63 in. long, 24 in. wide ($79.50). **6** Drop-leaf table closes to 20 by 54 in., opens to a 54-in. circle ($79.50). Lazy Susan, 19 in. ($14.50).

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The News in Wood Furniture

...IS IN THE FINISHES: CHERRY, PINE, WALNUT,

SEPARATELY AND IN COMBINATION... MAHOGANY IN AMBER TONES...



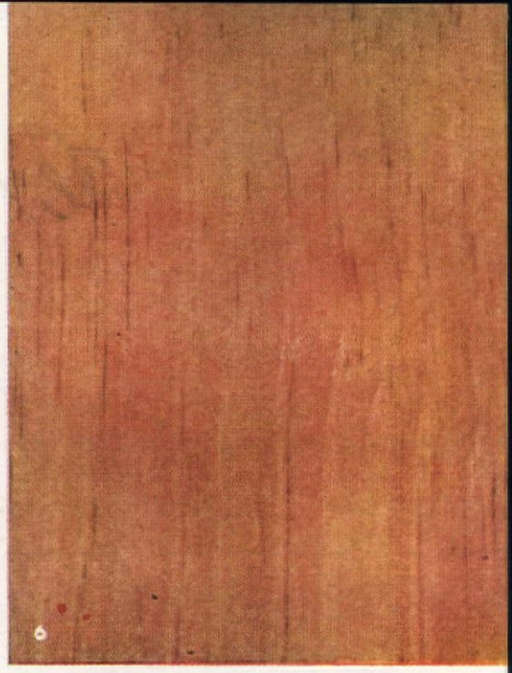






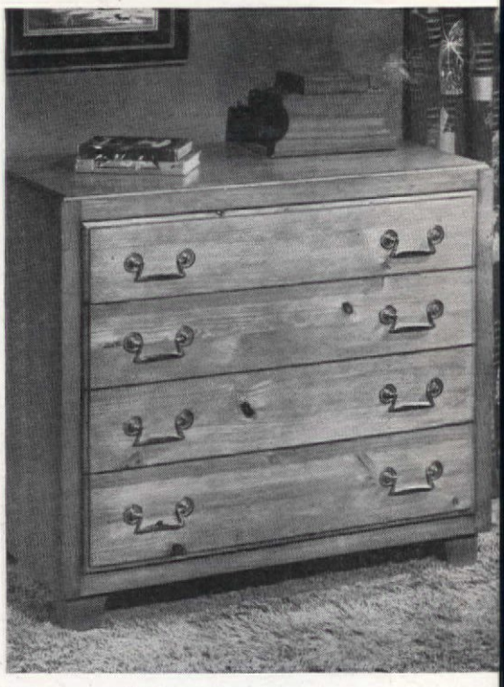










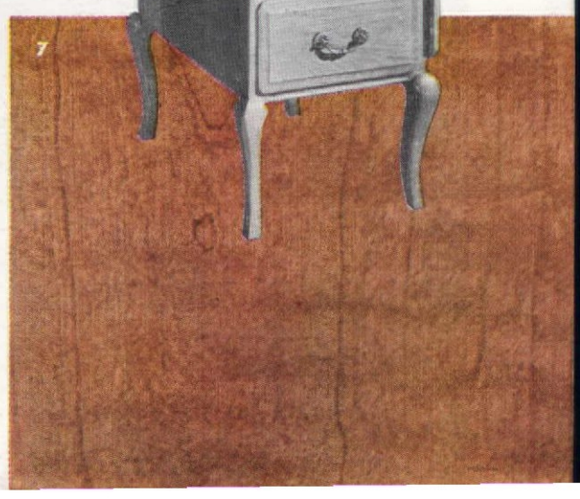


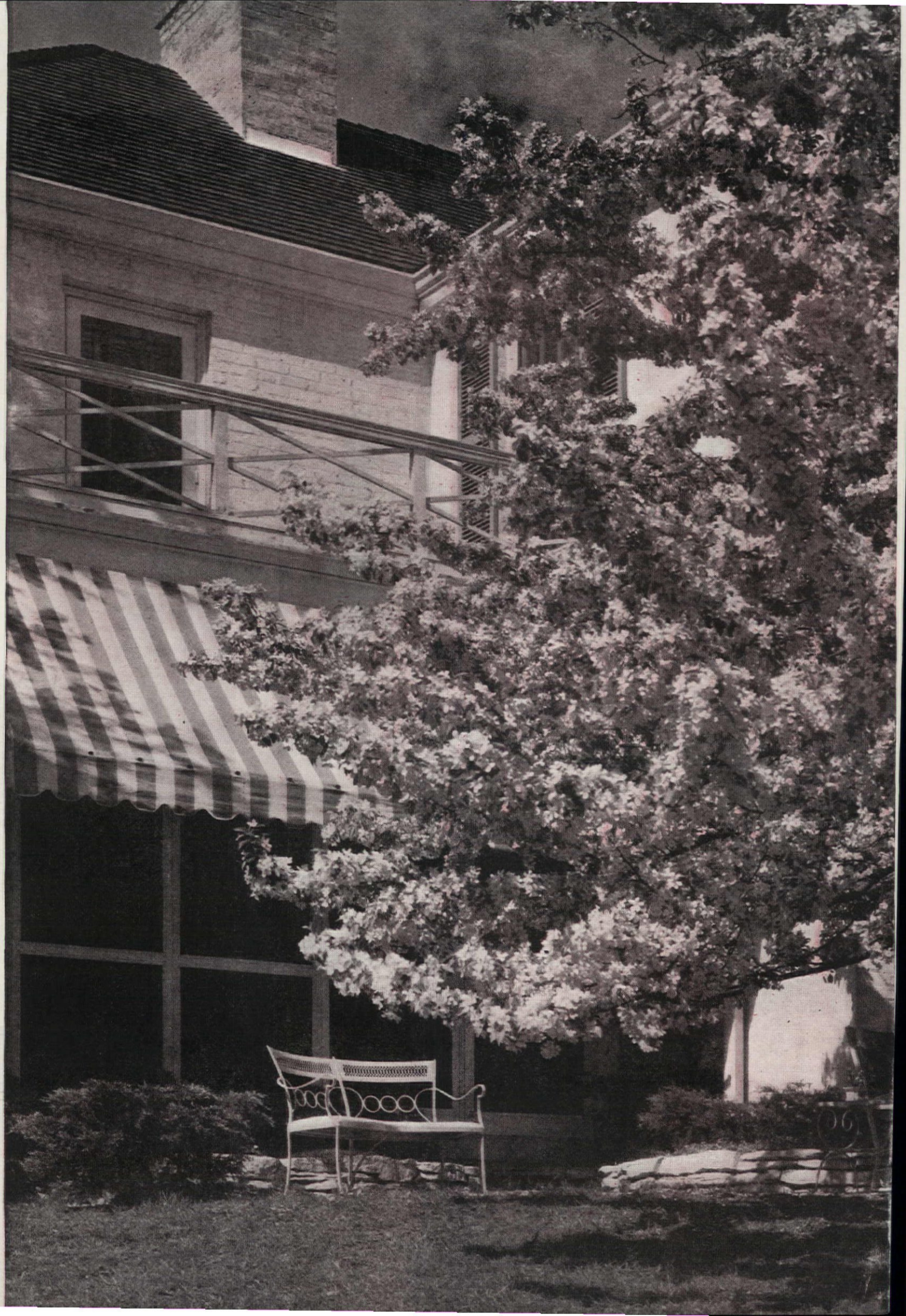
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Only one of these woods is a newcomer—yet each one has a new look. From a warm nut-brown to a soft, pinkish hue, you have plenty of choice in wood tone—but all the finishes are light and clear, and they're used to blend several woods pleasingly, to play up beautiful grain instead of hiding it. In tones like these, traditional pieces take on a new glow—proof that the appeal of all wooden furniture depends as much upon finish as upon design. Here are seven examples selected from new and complete groupings. **1** Three materials, finished to blend together: chests are cherry veneer, cane makes the door panels, and black walnut accents the group by framing the fronts, forming the feet and drawer-length pulls. Each piece 31 in. wide, 20 deep, 32 high. (Chests $146 each; cabinet, $119.) **2** Ash, distressed and beautifully glazed, gives added distinction to Provincial adaptations. Open, table top is 66 in. long; closed, 33 in. square. (Table, $150; arm chair, $58; side chair, $52.) **3** The newcomer—exotic imported Mindoro wood in neutral finish to harmonize with most-used colors. Use the table for cocktails or dining; its two-position legs adjust to 15½ or 29 in. high, and its top, fully open, is 60 by 39 in. ($60.) **4** Warm-toned pine veneers combine with base and front framing of deeper cherry. 35 in. wide, 18 deep, 34 high. ($119.) **5** Waist-tall chest hits new high in design and dimensions; made of amber-toned mahogany veneer and magnolia wood. 33 in. wide, 20 deep, 42 high. ($139.) **6** Pine veneers with light, clear finish for bachelor chest. 35 in. wide, 19½ deep, 32½ high. ($49.50.) **7** Soft, pinkish finish makes much of cherry grain and is ideal for this desk which becomes a table when leaves are up. Finished on all four sides—put it anywhere. 44 in. wide, 25 deep, 29 high. ($150.)

ALL PRICES ARE APPROXIMATE







E. L. D. SEYMOUR

LET'S GO SHOPPING FOR Flowering Trees

In his book, *The Holy Earth* (to my mind one of the finest books ever written), Dr. Liberty Hyde Bailey says: "If it were possible for every person to own a tree and to care for it, the good results would be beyond estimation." And Dr. Donald Wyman, in the introduction to his new *Trees for American Gardens* (to which I am indebted for many facts presented here), says: "The trees of any country are the most important plants that can be grown." So if *you* yearn to plant some trees—or even one—go to it! It's a laudable ambition, with every argument in its favor. And in your planning, may I suggest that you give special consideration to flowering trees.

Why? Because, to a greater extent than any other group or class, they meet the four major requirements of good trees for the average small-home grounds. That is, they provide shade, the beauty of flowers, interesting foliage effects at various seasons, and, in many cases, attractive, interesting, or useful fruit. To some extent at least, they can also afford shelter, privacy, and an effective garden background. While some attain considerable size and may have to be ruled out of the smaller places, the majority range from medium down to small—to the point where they merge into what we call "large shrubs." They vary widely in form and habit of growth; they include both evergreen and deciduous kinds, some hardy and others tender; sorts especially fitted to particular localities and conditions, and others with wide tolerance and adaptability. With all this, they are as easy to obtain as any other plant

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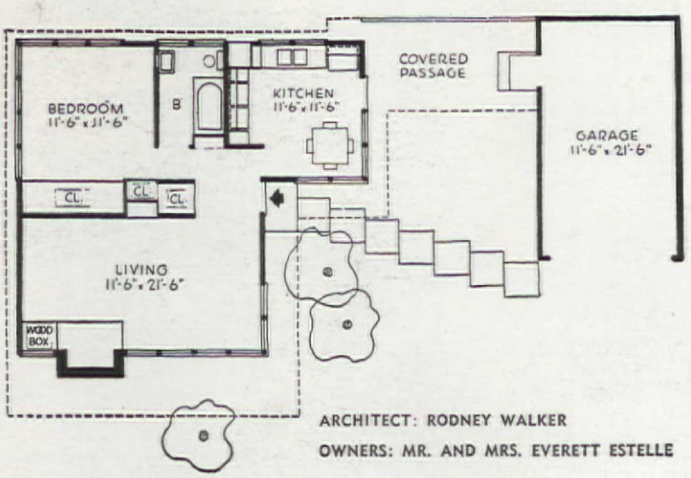


Grandparents Like Modern, Too!

Want a good setting for "the last of life for which the first was made"? Modern architecture, fathered in your own generation, has handsome and sensible features to make your living still better



JANET McHENDRIE



ARCHITECT: RODNEY WALKER

OWNERS: MR. AND MRS. EVERETT ESTELLE

On page 44 we show the other side of this coin, the kind of small, traditional home which hundreds of grandparents have asked for. But grandparents—bless them!—are no rubber-stamp class, and the grandparents who live in this fine little house have only one jocular complaint to make: maybe it isn't *quite* modern enough! It's not strange that they should love its clean compactness, the added space its big windows bring in, and its modern efficiency, for, after all, the men who developed this kind of architecture have long since become grandfathers themselves.

Nestling up to a high hill in a beautifully landscaped setting, see what a good life it offers a couple in approximately 600 square feet: On one side, an ample living room with a view has windows neatly sheltered by an overhang which keeps out the hottest sun; on the other, there's a bath and a small bedroom whose two whole walls of glass let you rest abed and still enjoy your out-of-doors. The square kitchen, painted yellow, hung with ivy, and endowed with the very latest equipment, is a large one, for most meals are served at the table which sits in front of its big, sunny, corner windows. Storage, and there is plenty of it, is all concentrated in the wall dividing living room from bedroom, and the guest closet even holds a roll-away bed for visiting children. The heater is also in one of those closets, for there is no basement here.

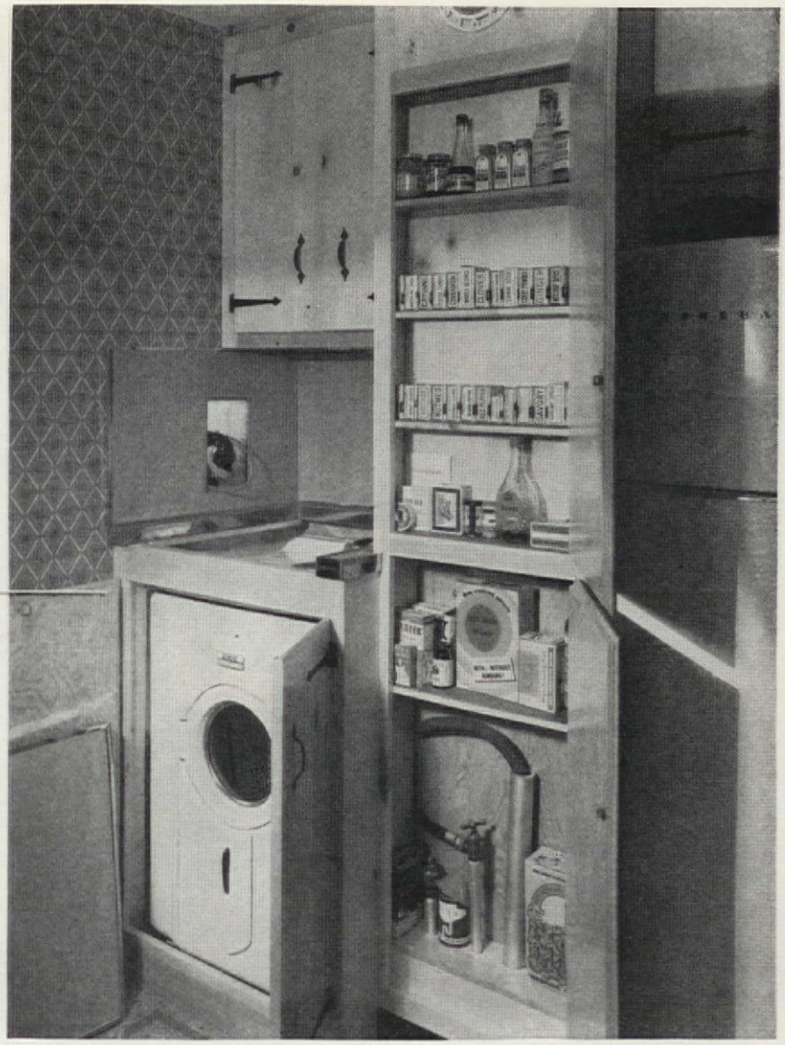
That's all there is to the inside. But, of course, the outside is rich, and you can sit in the open, but well shaded, in

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Inside, the glass end of the living room has all the virtues of old-time enclosed porches which grandparents always enjoyed—and a lot more to boot! The exterior view shows the living-room windows, and the corner windows of the kitchen. An inviting stepped path leads from garage to front door, but behind it, a covered passage connects the garage with the kitchen door

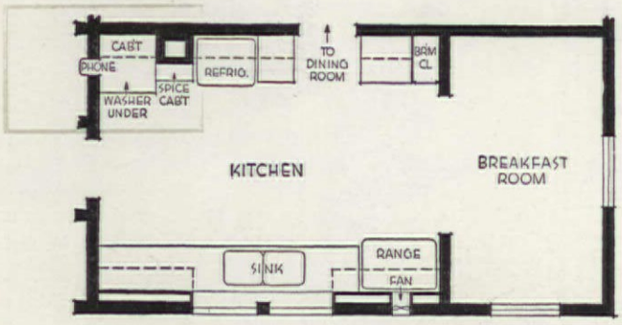




NEW IDEAS can make most old kitchens as good to work in and live in as this. Washer is housed in a cabinet (shown closed in picture at left), while shallow closet next to it masks an old chimney, holds drain for the washer, and has shelves for soaps and for spices

EDITH RAMSAY

Remodeling with Scissors



HERE'S A GOOD PLAN with wall cabinets above range, refrigerator, and washer. Range, sink, and floor cabinets are placed to give an unbroken wall of work surface. Breakfast room, decorated to match, remains separate

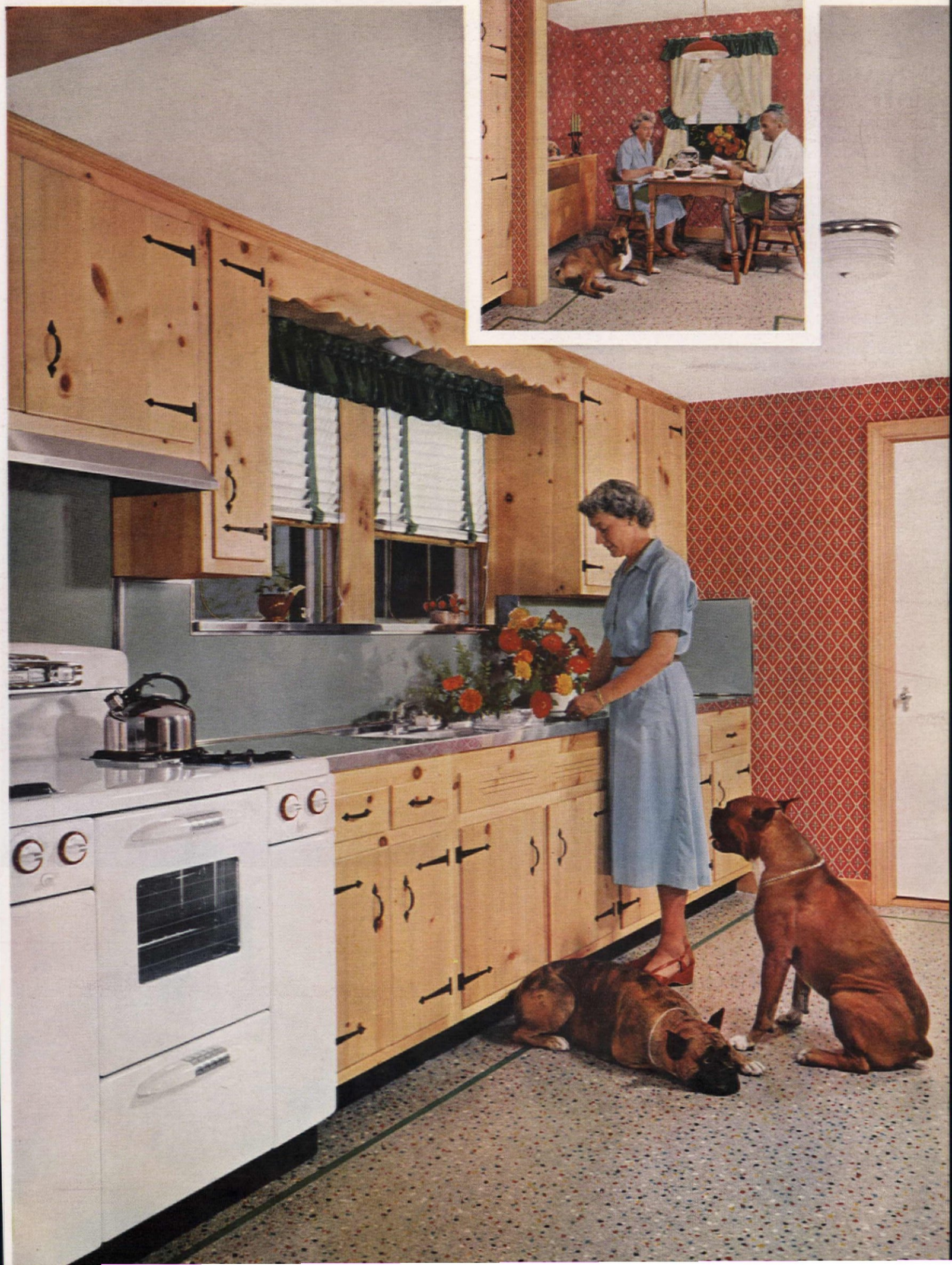
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A pair of scissors was the first tool Mrs. Arthur Kelly used in turning a cumbersome kitchen into this remodeled beauty. Instead of merely dreaming about a place where K. P. *could* be a pleasure, she started her project, years in advance, by clipping good kitchen plans (like this one) from the pages of AMERICAN HOME. When time for remodeling came, there they were, ready to help her to build fine new efficiency and glowing color into the same old space. If you "just get along" in that kitchen of yours, try following her lead. Start remodeling now—with your scissors.

Few structural changes are needed for most kitchen remodelings. In this case, a door was moved to allow for a continuous line of cabinets, and a chimney was closed off by a shallow built-in cabinet whose shelves are just deep enough for single packets. A new two-door refrigerator, a gas range with ventilating fan, a double-bowl sink, were dreamed-about equipment, arranged here in good working order. To make storage good, no wall space was wasted—cabinets hang everywhere!

The sunny breakfast room wasn't altered, but it was treated to a new figured paper whose design is a good companion of the one in the kitchen's walls. Honey-colored pine cabinets, a spatter linoleum floor, and the color accents lent by the laminated plastic counter tops and backsplash make these two rooms into a cozy and efficient space for working and living.

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DOROTHY LAMBERT TRUMM

We feel a bit silly using the word "budget" in connection with such captivating cushions when they're so luxurious to look at, to touch, and to lean back and enjoy with Sybaritic smiles—but budget-minded is just what they are. Smart ready-mades are practically prohibitive, but trust us to supply you with ideas for handsome accessories at shaved-down prices when you make them yourself!

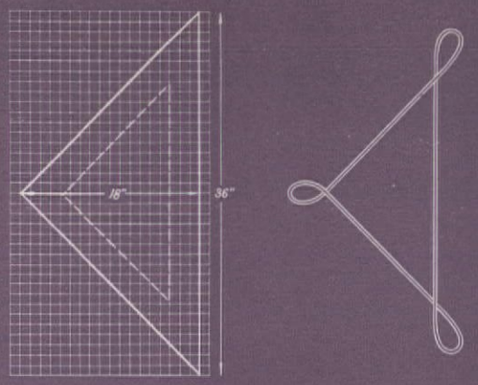
You can splurge with costly fabrics, because you need so little for the covers. In addition, just buy muslin or cotton flannel (the latter is surprisingly good) for inner covers, kapok for filling, a few buttons to cover with fabric, and cord for welting which you cover with bias-cut strips. Unless otherwise noted, make your cushion first "in the muslin," and then slip it into the outer covering, a procedure which will prolong its life and help it to hold its shape. And to give it that custom-look plumpness, our tip is to make the inner cushion just a bit larger than the outer covering.

For four of our lovelies, Triangle, Clover Leaf, Concertina, and Oval, just follow directions on the graph at your right. Our captions tell you about five others. The remaining five, a bit more complex, we made into two groups of AMERICAN HOME patterns. One group includes quilt patterns to use on the cushions or to repeat on more ambitious quilting projects. Here you'll find the Tumbling Blocks, to make in three colors into a geometrical design which seems to move as you look at it. Log Cabin is its teammate—one of the most popular of old-time quilt motifs. The second group of patterns gives you the know-how for Pincushion, a square with sassy ball fringe; for the large Striped Square which is so carefully mitered and corded; and for the Button-on Bolster. Take your choice, or try them all—that big picture proves how happy they can be together.

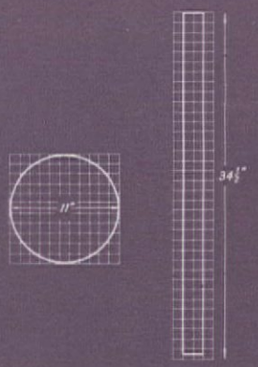
Harlequin Diamond is easy: Cut fabric to shape (we used wool jersey), insert self-covered welting between front and back. Boxed Square is simple to make in faille decked with silk frogs. For round Concertina, see graph



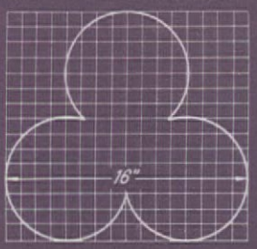
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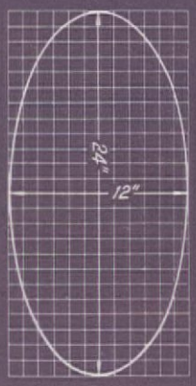


1. Triangle: Top and bottom are 2 fabric triangles. Sew together, leaving wide margin. Stitches form inner triangle. Don't sew all the way: leave small opening to fill inner part with kapok. Sew opening. Turn in edges, slip-stitch, leaving opening at each side to fill with kapok. Sew together. Sew tubing over inner triangle



2. Concertina: Cut 2 circles for top and bottom, 2 boxing strips long enough to go around circles. Use self-covered welting to join strips and sew around circles. Join strip to circles





3. Clover leaf: Cut 2 clover leaves and a 2-in boxing strip long enough to go around. Sew self-covered welting to top and bottom pieces. Join to boxing

4. Oval: Cut 2 fabric ovals. Sew self welting around top piece. Cut 6-in.-wide ruffle long enough to go around oval 3 times. Fold ruffle in half, gather, sew to top. Sew bottom to back of ruffle

Here's How!

Easy Does It!

The big Oval in Provincial print and the black silk shantung Clover Leaf are described in the graph. We made the Flanged Square of rough textured blue-green silk tweed, mitered the flange neatly at the corners and joined it to the body with some self-covered welting



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1426

Are you a fine needlewoman? Quilting motifs make fine modern cushions. Tumbling Blocks in three shades makes a design which keeps changing. Log Cabin square is rich in color play. (AMERICAN HOME pattern **1426**)

Turn out this trio in three evenings with AMERICAN HOME pattern **1427** which diagrams the shapes. Striped square makes the most of amethyst silk with silver threads, Pincushion Square sports black ball fringe, Button-on Bolster comes off in a trice



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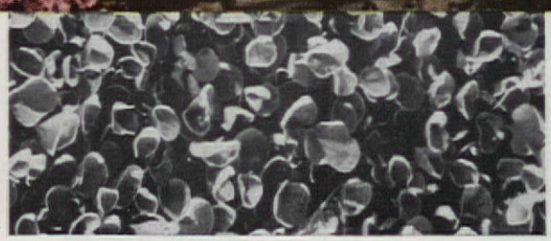


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Copious Triangle is described in the graph. Saucy Oblong is pink antique satin, self-welted, pertly trimmed with self-covered buttons. Third cushion is plaid Siamese silk, its box-pleated ruffles, hand-rolled at the hems, set in at each end with self-welting

Can't grow Grass?







Want color? The "pink lawn" above is of one of the many forms of fig-marigold (Mesembryanthemum), for warm climates only. Next, left to right: periwinkle (*Vinca minor*), Dichondra repens, and Japanese spurge (*Pachysandra terminalis*). Below, a sloping lawn kept green and bright with good old English ivy (*Hedera helix*)

Cheer up! Think of the things you can grow where grass won't. Ground covers, they're called, and their name is legion



Actually, ground covers (sometimes called "carpeting plants" or "living mulch") are one of Nature's oldest means for clothing and protecting the bare soil that she abhors. They offer a wide variety of plant forms and types, foliage textures and colors, heights, adaptabilities, and requirements, but they have this in common: once established, they are virtually permanent and call for no regular mowing, and only a minimum of trimming, feeding, and other attention. And while the initial cost of enough plants to cover an area and give an effect in a short time may seem high, don't forget that landscape gardening and contracting estimates for making a good lawn range up around ten cents a square foot ($100 per 1,000 sq. ft., or close to $5,000 per acre) not counting future maintenance. Of course, you can make a lawn for less, as was shown in our article in the September, 1951, AMERICAN HOME. But there are places and conditions where grass *just won't grow* for anybody. Reasons for this may be excessive heat and drought; poor, dry soil; poor drainage and excess moisture over long periods; steep, unstable slopes; dense shade, or the competition of roots of trees and shrubs. Sometimes the conditions can be corrected or at least improved so that you can have sod or turf—without which, many folks claim, you simply haven't got a garden. Otherwise, the problem is to analyze the situation, decide what the controlling factors are, and then select a plant or plants that will

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Found

A New Kind of "Old People's Home"?



WANTED:
A New Kind of
"Old People's Home"

FRANK A. COOPER

A cottage for two with room for twenty—that's what my wife and I are looking for. We can't find it. We want a retirement place—an Old People's Home—and nothing we have seen fills the bill, even remotely. The tiny "parlor, bedroom, and sink" recommended by bright young architects for the elderly won't do at all. Such a place would be a coffin for us. How would we have our four married children and nine grandchildren for Christmas? How could we have those wonderful grand kids for part of their vacations? No, we must have room.

We realize that, having reached the age of 60, we probably will do most of our own living in a couple of rooms. A big living-kitchen plus a bedroom is all we need for ourselves. But when the young ones come—that's something else again. So we are in rebellion against the doll house (or dog house) our solicitous children think would be "just wonderful for the old dears." Our rebellion is open and loud.

We have done something about it. We have roughly designed the kind of retirement home *we* think we need. In a nutshell, it consists of three parts: that living-kitchen and bedroom on the main floor, a basement playroom for family parties below, and an attic dormitory for as many of our offspring as can be happily huddled together. It violates all conventional rules. We have seen nothing like it anywhere. Young people may call it screwball. But we don't care. We are crusading for 12,000,000 other oldsters who want some years of *living* at the end.

If some bright young architect with heart and imagination will design the home we visualize, he will create an Old People's Heaven. To such a young architect we want to bare our souls. Like many others, Mom and I will retire on a pension of about $100 a month. We have some war bonds, a little cash, and we can sell our old house. So we'll have about $12,000 in addition to our pension. At 60, there is a lot of life in the old body. I can still putter for eight hours a day, taking care of a flock of chickens, a garden, and some berries. So we plan to leave the city and buy a big lot outside some small town where taxes are low. There we hope to live in the home of our dreams.

Come on a tour of inspection with us. Nothing unusual about the exterior—Cape Cod will do nicely. We'd like your opinion about cinder-block construction, because cost is vital to us. Now, come in the front door, and hang your hat in the closet. We're in that apartment you all think we should have. Here's the great big living-kitchen, perhaps 30 ft. long. We want it finished in natural wood—vertical planks—because we can't afford to decorate every two years and Mom is a bug on neatness. The ceiling joists are to be heavy, and exposed, giving a beamed effect. The floor is to be linoleum tile. One end will be for cooking. Don't make it shiny white. We want cupboards of natural wood, and may even refinish the range and refrigerator in dull tones. The kitchen part, when not in use, must be inconspicuous as possible. Not far from the range we want a drop-leaf table, big enough for ourselves with one leaf raised, but capable of expanding to seat a dozen when the clan comes "home to Grandma's."

When Mom and I are alone, we'll live in the far end of this room. Across the end, give us a long window seat which serves as a davenport and a place to stretch out for naps. It will be good, too, for bedding down a couple of grandchildren. And put some storage drawers under it. This built-in sofa, plus a couple of easy chairs, radio, TV, lamps, bookshelves, and tables, is what we'll need when we're alone

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THE AMERICAN HOME, JANUARY, 1952

EDITOR'S NOTE: *In the January issue we published the article you see at left. As soon as the copies hit the newsstands, letters began pouring in.*

One of the most stimulating letters we reproduce here. Frank W. Sturm, a young engineer of Rye, New Hampshire, obviously a champion of his state as well as of Mr. Cooper's suggestions, envisions a community of homes built for people of retirement age. AMERICAN HOME'S *editors wish Godspeed to Mr. Sturm and the realization of his Utopia.*

Your article "Wanted:—A New Kind of Old People's Home," in the January issue of the AMERICAN HOME has caught my interest. Your call for "a bright young architect with heart and imagination" is being answered. I am not an architect, but I am an engineer. I will build your Elysium; your Valhalla, where old warriors come to lay down their swords—and pick them up again; if not so big a one, a littler one—and you'll come home each night to feast with your Eros.

New Hampshire is the place, I am sure, where your dreams can come true. It may be the winters are more rigorous, but it does offer a variety of seasons; more invigorating and inspiring than the monotony of continuous sunshine. From my own experience, after five years of hot sun for nine months of each year, when everything burned up that was not irrigated, and then three months of fog, rain and dampness, my family and I longed for New Hampshire. We wanted to get away from that eternal heat, dust, and dirt. We had become convinced that even Hell could be half way tolerable if you had enough water to put out the fire.

We wanted the fall, the time of feasting and enjoying the fruits of the summer's toil. Then we wanted the winters, the time for meditation by a real honest-to-goodness fireplace; the time for planning for the coming spring, when life springs up again and grows through the summer. Yes, we longed for New Hampshire where each year seemed like a milestone with a definite beginning and an end.

New Hampshire is full of the tradition and antiquity that the mature love and appreciate. I cannot give you statistics, but there are many here who have come to spend their years of retirement. I see them in church—they

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On the next four pages, plans and photographs of a little house, just big enough for two downstairs, with a wealth of space and ideas for accommodating children and grandchildren on the second floor

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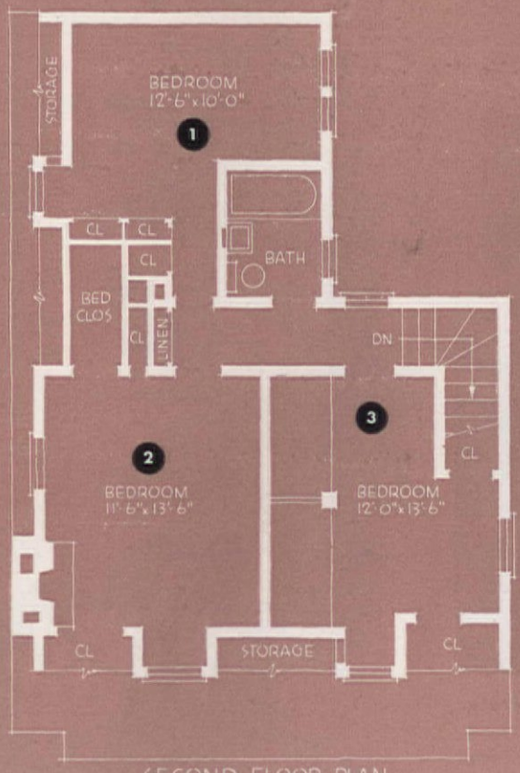

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MARTHA DARBYSHIRE

4 Bedrooms

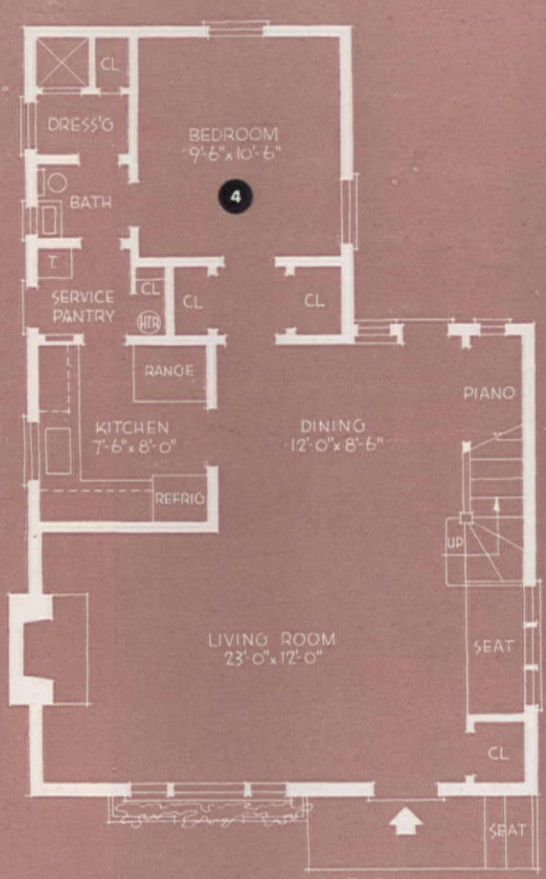
—on a 30 ft. Lot

Here's a house with a retirement plan in view



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

A perfect haven for just two people, the plan below is complete in every way. Note the divided bath, 5 generous closets, the real fireplace, built-in sofa-bed. Space under stairs could be extra storage closet. Upstairs, when not closed off, sleeps 6 people in solid comfort. Adding an outside stairway, a kitchen, could make it a separate rental apartment



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

YOU CAN BUY BLUEPRINTS AND BUILD THIS HOUSE • SEE ORDER FORM, PAGE 139

Retirement wasn't exactly what architect Charles Pyke had in mind when he designed this heart-warming honey of a house. The retirement angle was *our* idea because it is blessed with so many features hundreds of you have asked for in a new kind of old people's home. Downstairs, an older couple could have a complete suite to themselves, with a large living and dining room, kitchen, bedroom, and bath—and there's even space for an overnight guest on a built-in settee-bed (page 47). But to welcome a whole brood of visiting offspring, there's an upstairs with three bedrooms and bath which you shut off, economically unheated, when you're alone. And all of this is compact enough to pose prettily on a tiny city lot (here only 30 by 87 ft.). But look at the size of the rooms, examine the delightful detailing, consider the flexibility, and you'll see why we think it's remarkable.

However, this house would be as good for a first honeymoon as for a second. A young couple could build it, leave the upstairs unfinished for now, and look forward to the time when it's home for a houseful of kids. Or it's a good family house to build with an eye on the future if your youngsters are half-grown—it won't be too big for you to keep when they marry, but its resale value should always be high. Because it could be so many things to so many people, we've prepared blueprints from which you can build it for yourself. (See Blueprint Order Form, page 139).

It needn't cost a fortune to build, to keep up, or to furnish. It's a frame house with wood siding you can paint or stain as you please. There is no basement to require an expensive excavation, for it stands on a concrete slab foundation—and a warm red color is built right into that concrete so that, in many localities, you need no other flooring on the first story. For variety, a few of the interior walls are plastered, and some are papered—but most of the inside walls are paneled with random-width pine which stays trim and fresh year after year with little attention from you. To make the very most of every cubic inch of space, the architect provided an unusual amount of built-in storage and some built-in furniture as well, and detailed them with care, so you'd need few cupboards or chests in this house.

Its planning represents one of the most intelligent and economical uses of space we've seen. With its four bedrooms, two baths, and dividend of a dressing room, it measures only 1442 sq. ft., all told. But note the clever architect's tricks which made every bit of space do a job: The staircase comes off the dining area to allow full use of the living room, and the space under the stairs houses the piano, dear to family life, which

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OWNER-ARCHITECT: CHARLES F. PYKE

is sometimes difficult to place in a living room. There is no entry hall, but there *is* a service entrance and pantry off the kitchen to keep deliveries far from the living centers. The kitchen is neither too large nor too small, and the compact arrangement of kitchen, pantry, and bath means that no precious footage is wasted on hallways downstairs. The second-floor plan is equally efficient with its minimum hallways, its centrally located bath, and its wealth of good closets. Each bedroom up there has two exposures to ensure plenty of air, and there's through ventilation as well to trap the summer breezes.

Even on a diminutive parcel of land, you could enjoy good outdoor living here in a garden you enter through a Dutch door opening from the dining room. The owners of this house filled the back of their property with an oversize garage, but they made a cozy outdoor "room" of the rest, surrounded by a pert picket fence and furnished for dining and lounging.

Take a look around the interior and see how far very little furniture goes—even a sofa is built into the living room. With their soft red floors, the warm tones of their paneled walls, the enhancement of their fireplaces, the rooms themselves are so handsome and colorful that little "decoration" is needed. Scatter rugs do very well, and inexpensive chintz ruffles provide all the dressing the windows need.





Planned for big dinners, dining room adds to living room area. Through open door above, see the paneled kitchen. Piano nests in closet under stairway, built-in cabinet holds dining accessories. The mistress of the house made her rugs, and snipped rooster prints from a catalogue

4 Bedrooms (Begins on page 44)

It's not too large for two—nor too small for eight to live in! See how the inviting big living area is divided for family activities, and how remarkable built-ins keep everything trim and uncluttered







A daughter or guests would love a bedroom like this with a fireside corner to give it a sitting-room air. Closets are spacious



What a room for a boy—or visiting grandsons! Everything is built in but the chairs. Note well-turned bed post, drawers under the beds



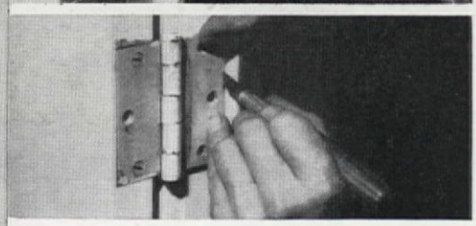
A "guest room" in the living room—built-in settee acts like a sofa, but it's fitted with spring and mattress, plus drawer for bedding

To convert a regular door into a Dutch door, scribe a line horizontally across it, just above waist-height. This is the line to saw along—but don't cut it yet!

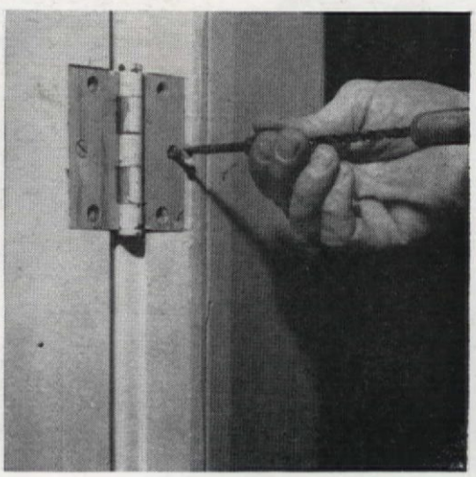


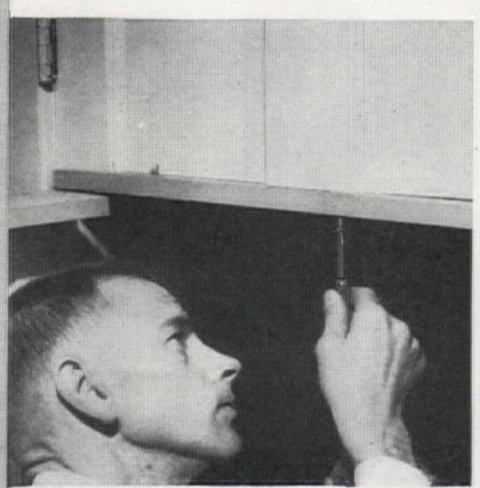
Dutch doors need extra hinges. If original door has three hinges, install new one 5" above cut-off line. If door has two hinges, install one new hinge 5" above cut-off line, another, 4" below that line. New hinges must be set same as originals. Don't remove door to install hinges



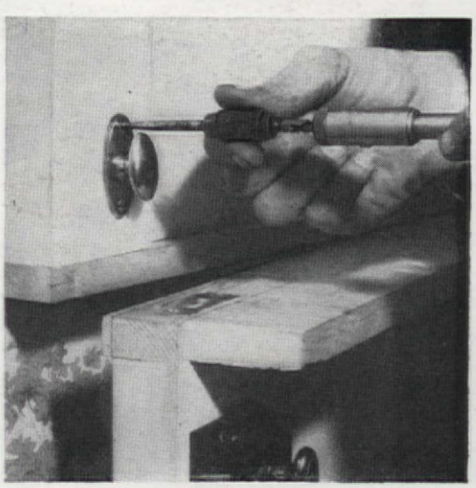


To be sure that the door swings correctly, fasten the extra hinge or hinges in place with only one screw, drawn up tight. Close and then open the door to check the action. This will also line up the new hinges with the others. Install the remaining screws





Make second cut. Attach reinforcing strip to top half. Sill and strip are screwed into stiles and centerpiece on two-panel doors. Reinforcing strip is not needed when doors are solid or have horizontal crosspieces



The two halves of the door are locked together with a dead-bolt lock installed in two holes bored in the upper half of the door. Main lock on lower half allows either the lower half or the entire door assembly to be locked closed

PROP THIS UP OVER YOUR WORK BENCH—IT'S ALL HERE

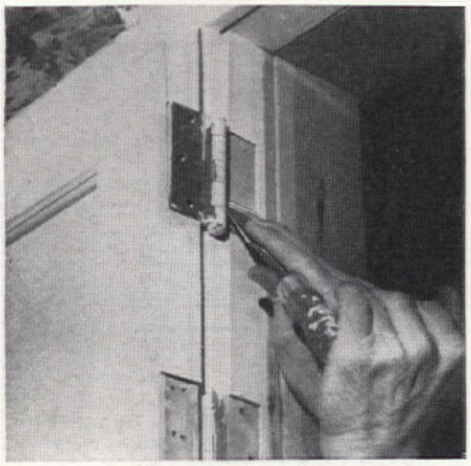
How to Make a

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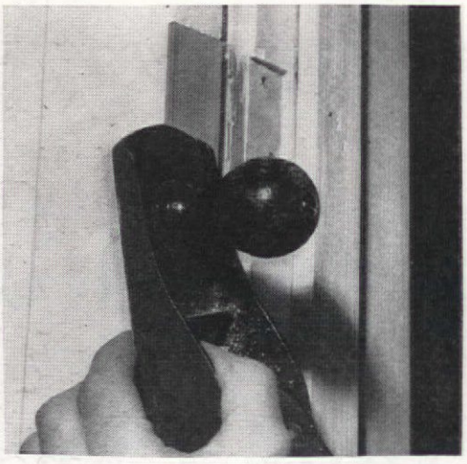
doors are more useful when they go Dutch.

Convert them yourself, with simple tools, at little cost

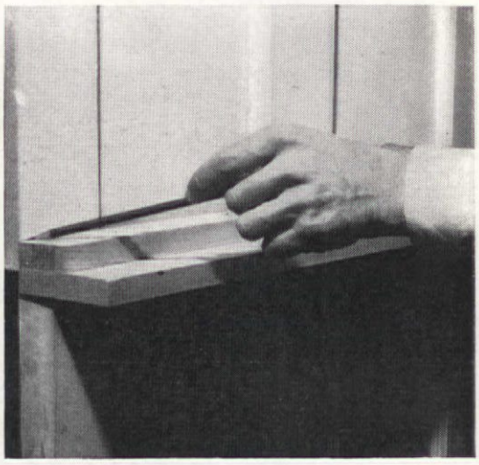
To get maximum support, reposition the top and bottom hinges so that they will be 3" from the top and bottom of the door, respectively. Mortise the hinge on the door, and then scribe the jamb for the other mortise. This makes for both speed and accuracy in attaching hinges

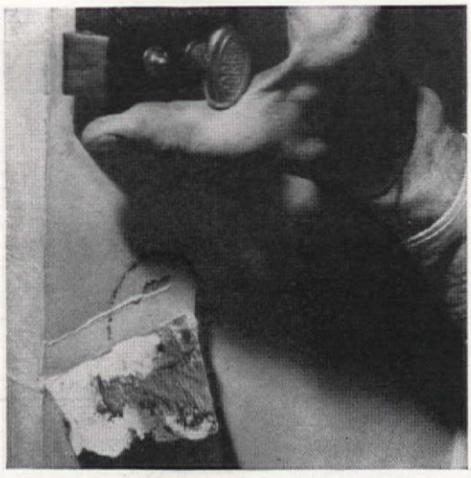


The mortises exposed when hinges are moved can be patched by cutting snugly fitting strips of wood, and fastening these into place with glue. When the glue is hard, the patch may be trimmed down to exact size with a plane or sandpaper

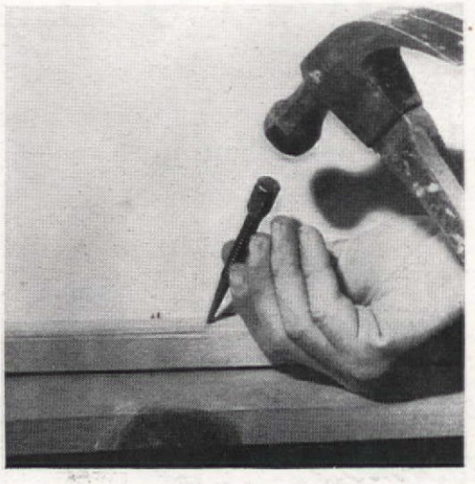


Door gets two cuts, 1½" apart. A sill of ¾" stock, 3½" wide, is attached to bottom half, and a reinforcing strip of ¾" stock is attached to top half. First, make cut along cut-off line. Then attach sill. Lay reinforcing strip on sill and use it to scribe second cut-line on top half





Holes and marks in the wood can be filled in with a wood filler. For large patches, a second application of filler may be required to compensate for shrinkage. When the filler is dry, sand the surface down with sandpaper

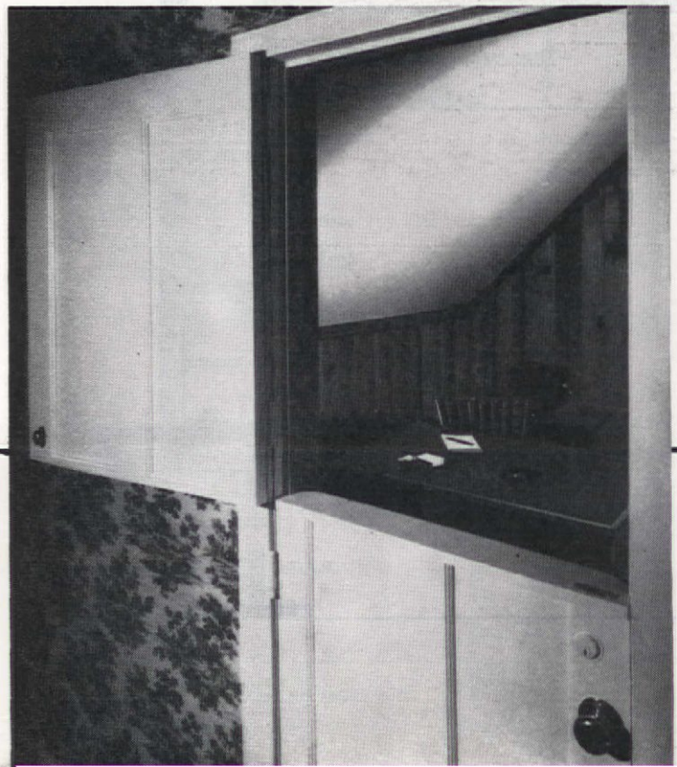


The job may be finished off in a professional manner if molding is applied on both sides of both halves of the door, where panels meet the sill and the reinforcing strip. Molding is fastened in place with small nails or brads



Coats of primer-sealer, enamel undercoater, and one coat of enamel should be applied to the new work. Then give the entire door a single coat of enamel. If you paint the lock, keep the key in it so that paint won't get in

Here's the way the finished job will look. The world can beat a path to this door, but can't get through as long as the bottom half is closed. And when it is, you'll be getting light and ventilation—privacy without that "shut-in" feeling



Dutch Door

JACKSON HAND

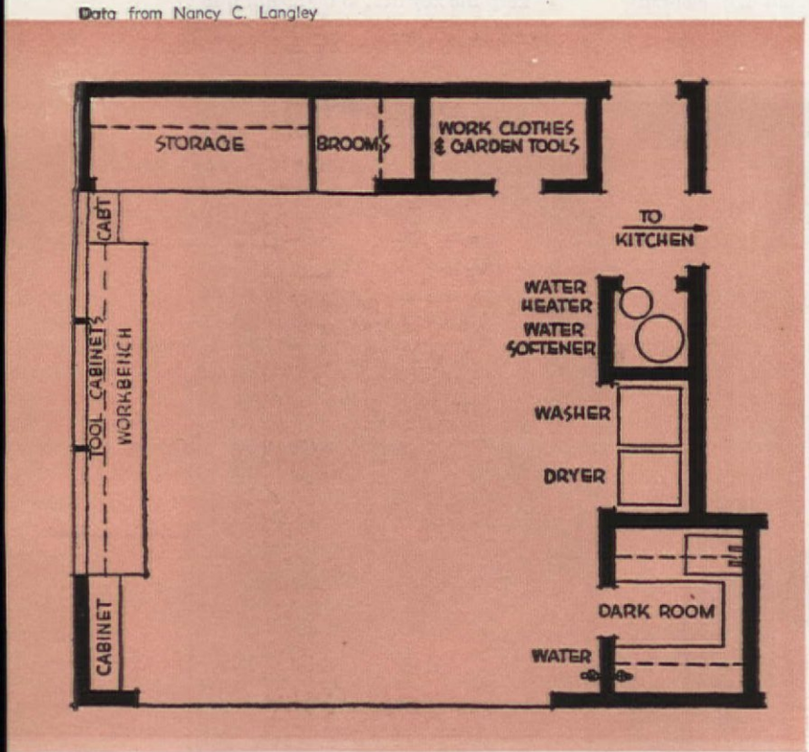
In these days when every room does at least two jobs, your own garage probably takes on extra work. If, like most garages, it has become only a kind of casual and messy catch-all for storage, study the plan of this multi-purpose room. See how, by "stealing" a few feet of space all around, you can build extra functions into a double garage, all neatly concealed behind plywood doors—and *still* have room for the car! Actually, in a warm climate (and in a cold one if you space-heat it), a garage can house all the activities which used to go in the basement—and more handily, too, because reaching it involves no climbing of stairs. Top pictures show the "laundry" with washer, drier, and shelves for supplies. There's a hanging rack on the back of the folding doors which close when it's not in use. Next to it, a good darkroom caters to an amateur photographer's hobby. On other side of "laundry," a closet hides water heater and softener.

How to Get More from Your Garage

A 2-car garage can do more than just house cars. This one's a

- *Laundry*
- *Photo Darkroom*
- *Workshop*
- *Gymnasium*
- *Storage Room*

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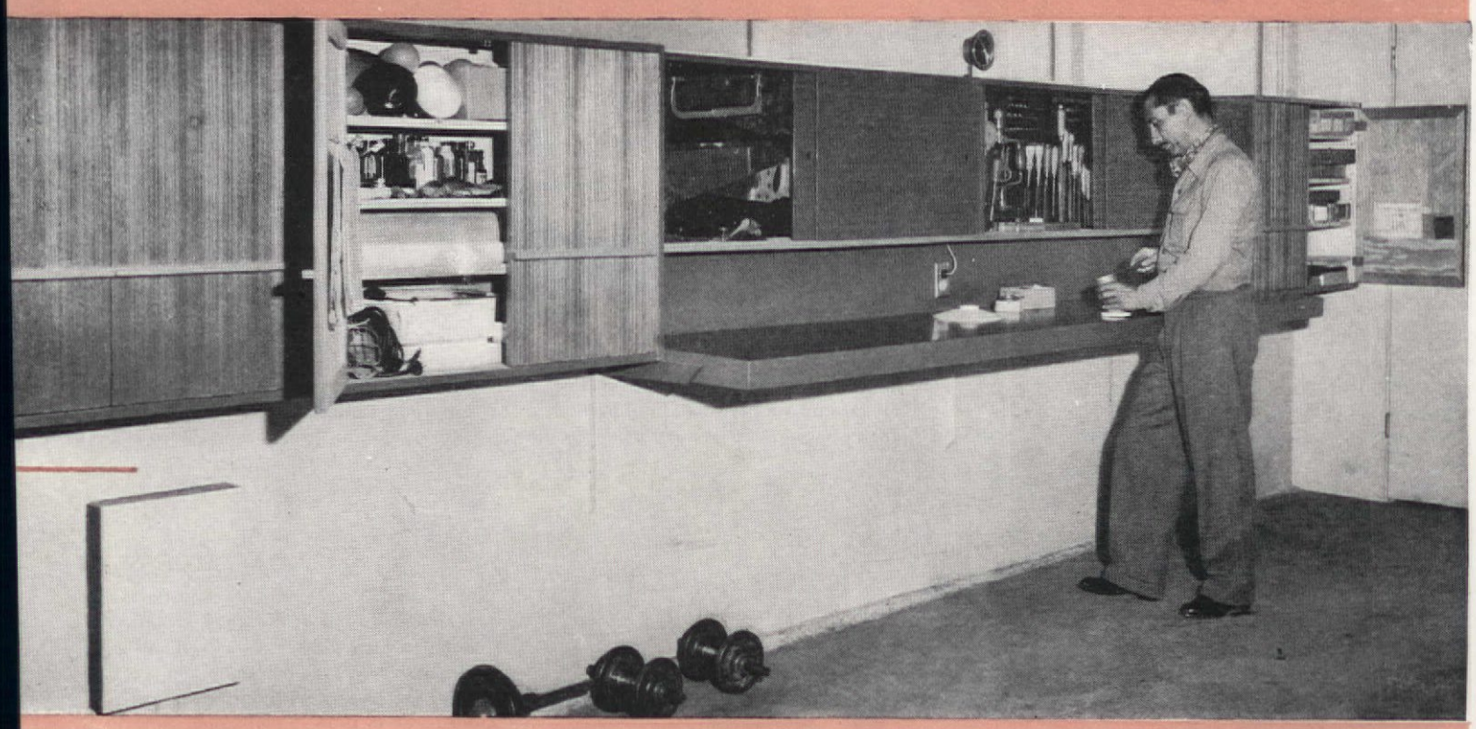


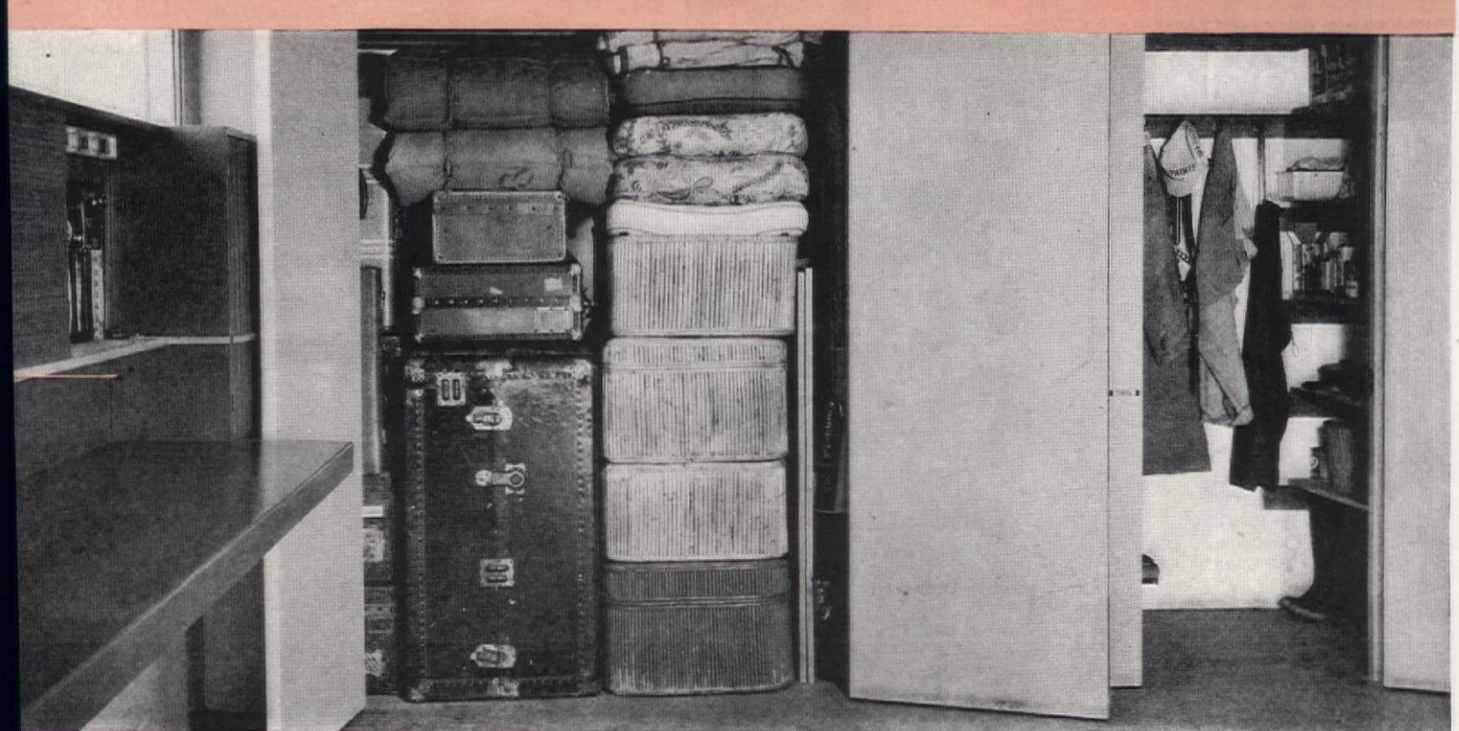
OWNER: MR. AND MRS. EMANUEL ALUTA

Efficient enough to tickle an engineer and attractive enough to please a decorator with its gray and coral color scheme, the workbench wall makes this the most accomplished garage you ever saw! The bench itself is well lighted, and provided with an outlet for power tools. Above it, cabinets with sliding doors house a full line of tools, and each saw, awl, and screwdriver is provided with a carefully measured place of its own. On either side of this unit, cabinets with combed plywood doors have specialized uses, and shelves are designed for the things which they hold: in one is kept a full line of car polishing equipment; another harbors electrical supplies for the home—bulbs, fuses, and the like; a third stocks hardware, plus casual odds and ends for which there's no space in the house. And as if that weren't enough, this same wall is the home gymnasium, provided with weights and the like.

Only a step from the kitchen, and from the garden, the garage is an ideal place in which to keep outdoor furniture, gardeners' tools, work clothes, and housecleaning equipment as well as long-range storage. But when the doors here are closed, you'd never dream how much went on behind them. The four-foot-deep closet on the left is the "trunk room," and it can keep, within easy reach, an attic's worth of out-of-season clothing, slip covers, camping equipment, sports gear—you name it! In the other closet, there's room to hang up a gardener's clothes and the boots which need never enter the house, and there are shelves for the things which help to give you a green thumb. Between the two is the household's broom closet, equipped with measured side shelves for cleaners, polishes, solvents, insecticides, and the cloths you need to apply them. What a load it takes off the kitchen's closets and shelves! Your space and requirements may differ from this owner's. Take stock of your own garage and see what it can hold for you—maybe there's room there for that downstairs washroom you've always wanted.



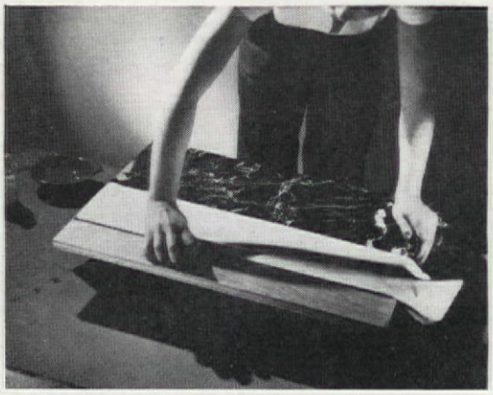




"Why didn't I think of that?"



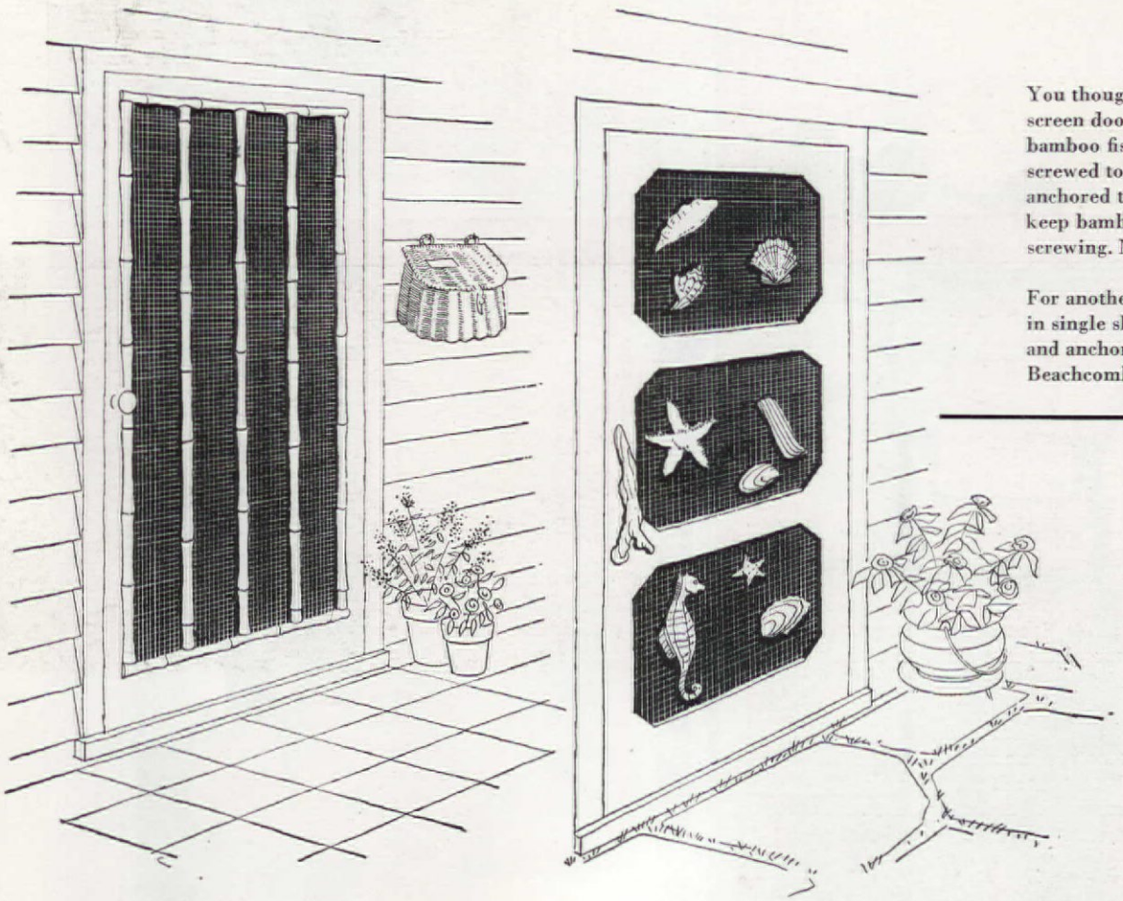
Make a "marble-topped" coffee table from any low frame, topped with ¾" plywood panel covered in marbleized plastic. Cut plywood to fit frame top, coat with Fir-zite to "tame" grain. Fill nicks with wood putty. Dry. Rub with fine sandpaper



Cut plastic to fit top. Allow for sides and turn-under. To peel off paper backing of plastic, soak plastic in just enough warm water to cover. Peel. Place plastic, face up, on plywood. Fold back as shown. Sponge plywood with cement made for plastics



Place plastic on cemented surface. Smooth over cemented area with small squeegee, working out center. Lift up the rest of the plastic, sponge cem on wood, replace plastic, squeegee smooth. Cem sides, smooth. Trim corners. Turn edges under



You thought a screen door was just a screen door? Look at these! At far left, bamboo fishing poles were halved and screwed to screen-door frame, then anchored to screen with fine wire. To keep bamboo from splitting, drill before screwing. Mail box is a fishing creel

For another door, cut octagonal openings in single sheet of plywood, paint gaily, and anchor to existing screen door. Beachcomber's booty is wired to screen ng

A real snappy version of the fashioned upright piano. Tanenbaum (at the ivories) bo the battered instrument cheap, the works repaired, and remodeled case himself for his summer cot The new slant front is a pie striated plywood; new slanted below keyboard have a contemp look. The piano is painted dul

Make your young daughter so proud of her quarters there's no need for wordy tussles about "straightening up." We recommend our paint-it-yourself chest. Against a soft green background the decorations are a happy idea, for that ribbon-like band keys the contents of the drawers. Our AMERICAN HOME Pattern **1384** makes it all so simple! (See Pattern Order Form, page 141)



When cement has dried thoroughly, apply several coats of bar-top varnish to protect surface and make it liquid-proof. Paint base flat black. Dry. Wax. From underside, screw top to corner supports. Your "marble-topped" coffee table looks "for real!"







The Charles F. Pykes built this sturdy base beneath their refrigerator to raise its height about a foot—a good idea for a tall gal. Food on shelves is now at eye level and arm's reach. And look at the two generous drawers which solve the potato-and-onion storage problem!

See "Where Credit Is Due" on page 140

For the rather formal rose and delphinium arrangement, use a silver container, but protect it from scratches and discoloration by placing thick pads of cleansing tissue or gauze under pin holder



You'll have to turn arrangement while you work, so, if possible, place the container on a Lazy Susan. Since arrangement is low, with horizontal lines dominating, place pale delphinium in center for height

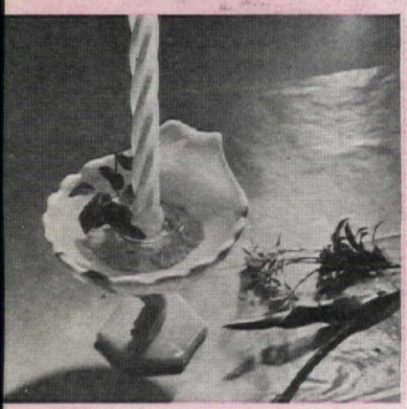


Darker blue delphinium go at the sides to give arrangement its extreme width. Balance material as you work, adding first to the front, then to the back to create a transition of tone from pale to deep blue on all sides



Fill in with roses, but not symmetrically—try to place roses in an S-curve. The rose stems must vary in length, so don't be timid about snipping some quite short to add depth and interest





Dolphin milk glass container (use one or a pair) is charming with spring flowers. Place a plastic candle holder in the container and anchor it securely with modeling clay before you add the water



Insert candle, fill holder with water, and add a few short hedge clippings or any small greens to form the base. Start with sprays of andromeda, and a few white tulips, still in tight bud



Next add white and double (white and yellow) daffodils, following the line of the dolphin on the container's stem. Finally, add small clusters of soft, velvety red primroses, keeping them snugly together



To carry out a Victorian theme, add a pair of quaint milk glass hands and place in each a little nosegay of primroses and white daffodils. At a show, candles can't be lighted, but tips must be burned

Flower Show Time Again

Whether your flower showing is a club event or a happy home hobby, here are three arrangements different and rewarding enough to come back with blue ribbons *and* look well on your table. Some of the materials are plentiful now in gardens in most parts of the country—and all are in good supply at the florist's.

What does a show judge look for? Design, balance, rhythm, proportion, a good relationship of color and texture—*and* distinction, the last the most important. Your arrangement will have distinction if you use ordinary materials and accessories in an extraordinarily good way, or if you use unusual things in a more usual manner. In the three we show here, the containers are new, good, and different, so they give you a head start with relatively simple arrangements. At a show, arrangements for tables are usually viewed from all sides, so be sure to conceal every vestige of the mechanics—a good thing to remember for home tables, too.

This trio would fit into standard flower-show classes. For example, that two-faced (a *good* trait in this case) composition of daisies and pansies could be "Flower arrangements in similar containers for an informal dinner for eight." Be sure to put the darker side toward the strongest light, the daisy side in shadow.

The daffodils and primroses in milk glass might be a "Spring flower arrangement in a pair of containers for Sunday supper. Accessories permitted." On a long table the little hands could be in line with bigger pieces.

The delphinium and roses would answer for "A massed arrangement for the 'speakers' table' or a special dinner for at least twelve." At a show, don't let much of the silver be visible, for it reflects light.

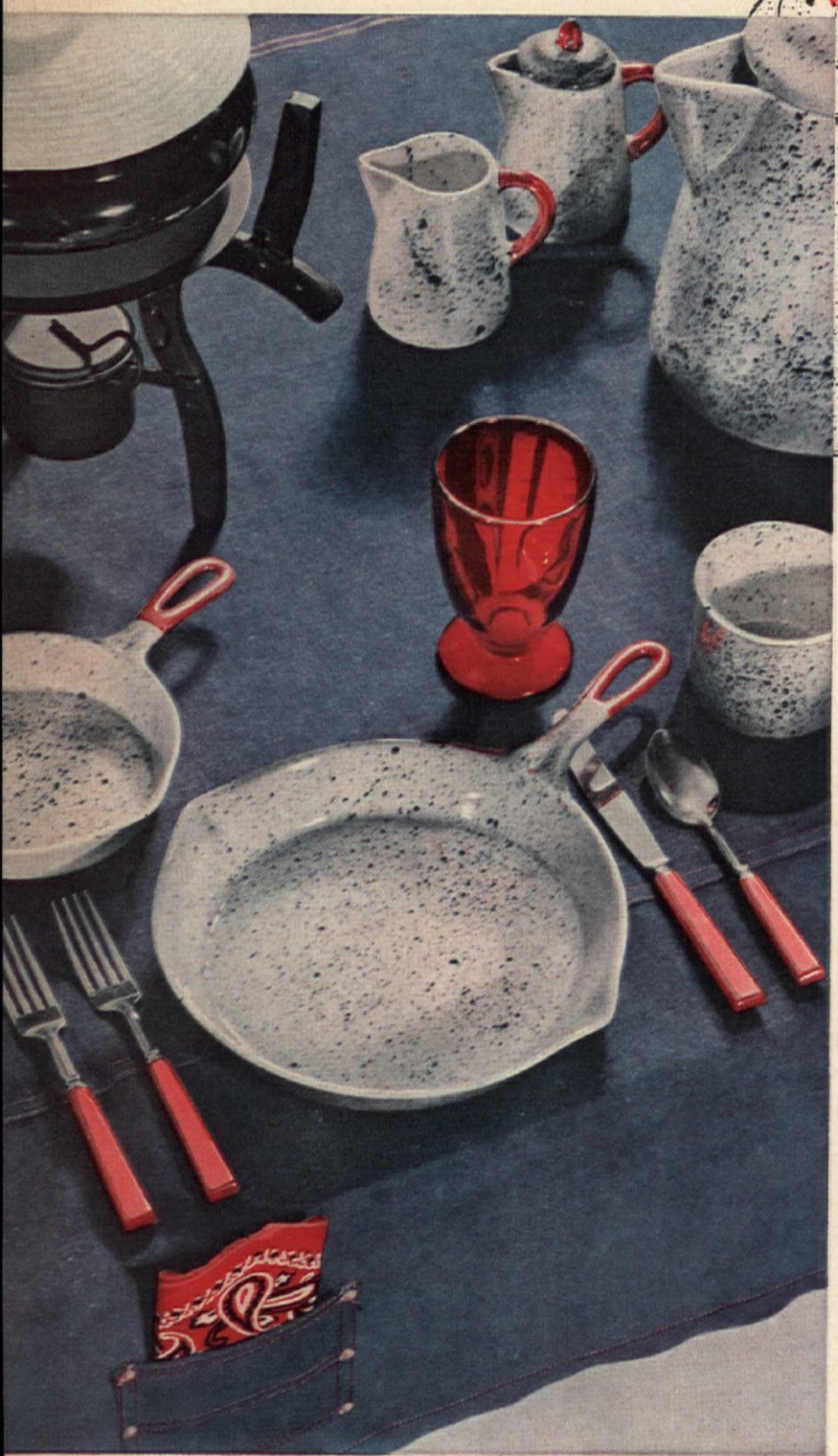


ILLUSTRATED HOW-TO STEPS FOR MAKING
THIS DOUBLE ARRANGEMENT, PAGE 108

Flower Arrangements by BETTY B. MERRIAM

Place and Show

GERTRUDE BRASSARD





The happy habit of outdoor dining deserves its own equipment. These gay, sturdy things were designed especially for festive, informal meals

Go out and get a deep smell of that springtime, and you'll know why we've celebrated the season by setting this gay table to add to the pleasure of meals you'll enjoy out of doors in fine weather. Back in the days before outdoor living was taken as a matter of course, you had your choice, when eating *al fresco*, of doing it up picnic style, or of subjecting your fragile china to hazards for which it wasn't intended. But nowadays we use them so often that it's wise to invest in things designed to "take it" prettily—like these. Come autumn, they'll move in for your buffet suppers.

Instead of conventional plates, use skillets with perky red handles. They have more than amusing shapes to their credit, for their finish is called "granite" and is hardy as outdoor dinnerware should be. What's more, if they're prewarmed, they'll retain the heat. Their handles make them easy to tote at buffet affairs, and their steep sides will be welcomed by guests when there's lap service. In the large size, they're $3 each, while the smaller ones are priced at $2.

Does that bountiful coffeepot remind you of the one you used to see on Grandma's stove? It's as hospitable, and it will really keep the coffee warm. For fun, matching sugar and creamer are coffeepot shape, and you drink the brew from spill-proof mugs. (The pot, $9; the sugar and creamer, $4 per pair; the mugs, $1 each.)

While we're talking about keeping hot foods hot out of doors, don't miss the virtues of the black and white vitrified china casserole on its black iron stand. Sterno or warming candles keep its contents as you want them. It has a 1½-quart capacity, and $13 will buy it, complete.

The table cloth? You're right, it *is* denim, and stitched like your favorite junior cowhand's blue jeans. It's a big 56 by 96 inches, and on its sides you'll find eight copper-studded pockets nesting 8 bandannas you use as napkins. $18 buys the "works!"

Ekco's stainless steel cutlery with bright plastic handles has just the right air of hail-fellows-well-met ($6.59 for a 24-piece set including 6 knives, forks, teaspoons and dessert spoons). Viking's footed tumblers in ruby-colored glass can be elegant, but they're so versatile that they seem perfectly at home in this company, too, and they add to it their singing notes of rich, red color. Their price: about $1.20 each.

See "Where Credit Is Due" on page 140 ALL PRICES ARE APPROXIMATE

SOUP is so GOOD!

...so easy on your budget, too!



A clever cook keeps a full "Soup Shelf".

When four are extra hungry

This meal is packed with nourishment and is a real budget helper. Each dish has downright goodness.

Clam Chowder
Hearty and seaworthy
Macaroni and Cheese **Tomato Salad**

Luxury for a little

Chicken has that "Sunday Special" place in people's minds. So plan this menu as a weekly surprise.

Cream of Chicken Soup
Rich and smooth
Deviled Eggs and Asparagus Salad
Cheese Rolls **Coffee**

More, for less, for supper

Since the whole family adores tomato soup, let the menu grow around it, and it will please your piggy bank.

Tomato Soup
Tangy and colorful
Corned Beef Hash **Fruit Salad**



ANNE MARSHALL
Director Home Economics
Campbell Soup Company

BY Anne Marshall

PIPING HOT bowls of soup, with their clouds of fragrant goodness can be the main attraction of most every lunch or supper. For soup is colorful and appetizing—flavorful and satisfying.

It's easy to make a good soup the heart of a meal. There are so many kinds to choose from: savory and hearty . . . rich and cream-smooth . . . deep-flavored with vegetables, chicken or meat. Just start your meal-thinking with "the soup" . . . then round out your menu with a salad and sandwich or a salad and "warmed over" dish.

You can sit down to such a meal with a smile. It's the simplest thing in the world to prepare. It takes only four minutes from Soup Shelf to table.

Soup is also one of the better budget balancers. Fine soups cost less today than most other main dishes. And some soups like tomato and cream of mushroom—used as a cooking sauce—"lift" and stretch mere leftovers into delicious, low cost casseroles and creamed dishes.

I don't know of any better way of pleasing a family and making a budget happy than serving soup often.

ELEANOR LEE JONES

5 Easy Meals from Your Broiler



A quintet of quick meals in one . . . mellow with broiled flavor and composed to make close harmony with your budget

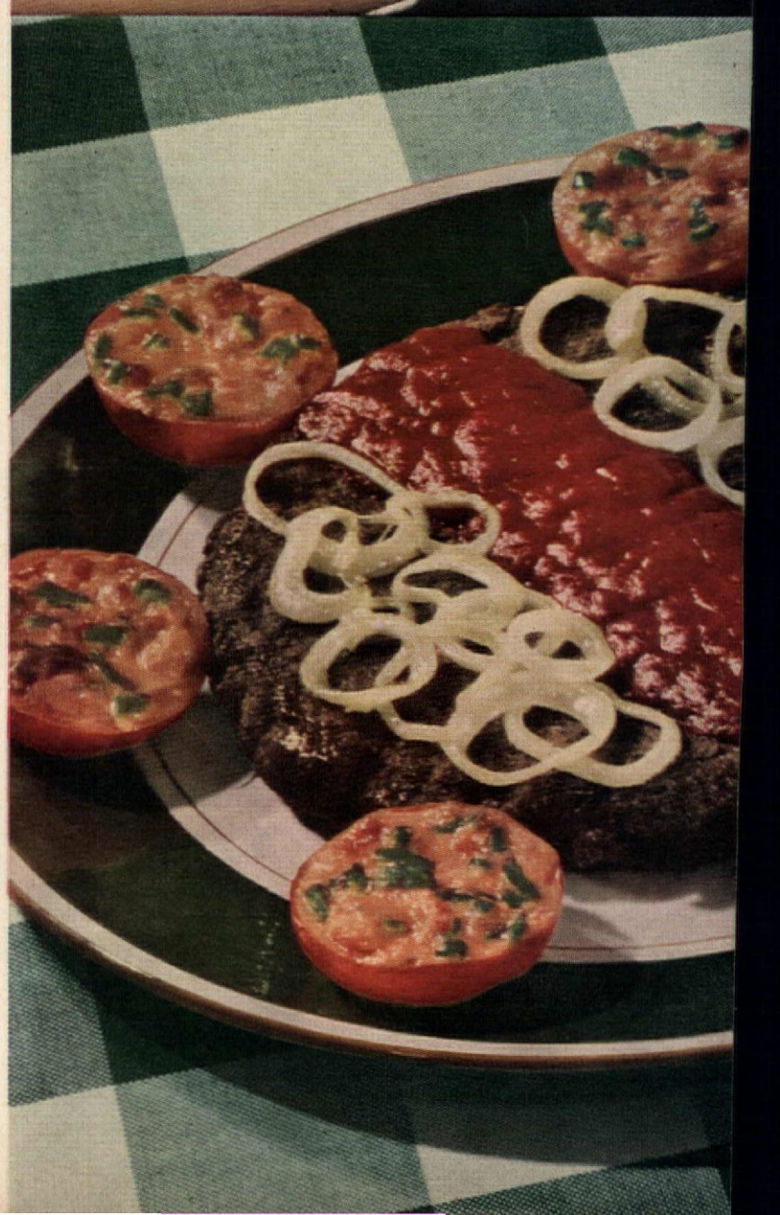
For broiling, use only tender steaks and chops" wrote many a cookbook author in the good old days—the good old days before those precious cuts were edged with a bit of gold! Today's skyscraper food prices mean that each and every one of us is learning a thousand-and-one good ways with some mighty down-to-earth fare, such as the all-American hot dog and hamburger. In your search for tricks with pennywise meats, have you discovered what a sure-fire job your broiler can do? We bring you a group of them guaranteed to warm the heart of any chubby piggy-bank—tricks with thrifty meats which can join up with wonderfully tangy fruits, and savory, well-seasoned vegetables to give you a meal-in-one turned out in lightning quick time—and all from the broiler of your range!

Women 'round the country tell us that most especially they want new recipes which are quick and easy in the doing—and here the emphasis goes particularly on the "quick." Our suggestion for the month: fill the bottom of the broiler pan with a vegetable out of the can (or a planned-over, pre-cooked vegetable), slide tonight's entrée onto the top grill, then sit back and relax until time to turn the meat. Another tip to the wise: don't overlook the flavorful plus of fruits broiled alongside the meat—we suggest adding these at the time the sizzling meat is turned. And so, we tell you about each of these mouth-watering, budget-coddling broiler meals—planned with *your* family in mind. Try one tonight—there are lots more to go!

SIX O'CLOCK HAM SWIRLS are a slick trick for serving six from one pound of ground, cooked ham. Good to go out and shop for, and good to remember when there's just that much baked ham on hand, too! Orange shells scooped out, and then filled with their own juicy orange sections sweetened with real honey are a natural to go on the broiler rack. To complete the meal? Garden peas and whole-kernel corn absorb more good flavor from the broiling ham. Incidentally, there's no secret at all to making the ham and sweet potatoes into a perfect pinwheel—see the recipe on page 68 for the "how-to."

SPANISH BEEF-BURGER could run in anybody's contest of men's favorite meats, and we'd be willing to enter it opposite the thickest, juiciest sirloin, and still count on a "close" decision. A good blending of seasonings with the ground beef, a complementary topping of green pepper and cheese on tomato halves—this grill may be Spanish in origin, but it's good American style,

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5 Easy Meals (Begins on page 58)

too. Green beans seasoned with bacon drippings may be your vegetable for the bottom of the broiler pan.

GRILLED CORNBREAD FRANKS have a new stuffing twist which our taste-testers rated tops. Golden cornbread with a homemade flavor can be whipped up out of the package should none be left from last night's dinner. And for the perfect vegetable—sauerkraut just "belongs" with frankfurters, doesn't it? Broiling time: 8–10 minutes, if you please—good, quick, cheap, and filling from the word "go!"

BROILED SALMON STEAKS brushed with lemon butter have a lovely pink elegance that is theirs alone. When salmon's a bit on the expensive side, don't overlook the possibilities of broiling codfish, haddock, and halibut steaks. Today these three are available throughout the country in frozen form—and what a blessing for those sections where you used to be able to buy only fish from local streams! Pass a gravy boat filled with a quick cucumber sauce to add a refreshing tang. Chiquita Banana has shown us the goodness of cooked bananas, and when they are broiled, as we do them here, they are served as a vegetable. A buying tip: be sure bananas for cooking are all yellow or slightly green-tipped.

CORNED BEEF CRESCENTS are hearty eating for the "can-opener" cook—and they're eating that looks mighty impressive on that dinner platter. French dressing permeates tart grapefruit slices for a crescent base. Our suggestion for a vegetable-to-go-with: glazed carrots, glazed by brushing precooked carrots with melted butter, then rolling them in granulated sugar. Place carrots on broiler rack five to seven minutes before meat has finished broiling.

And here are more broiler meals-in-one to file away for easy reference in your AMERICAN HOME Menu Maker!

Brush ***sliced meat loaf*** with chili sauce and broil with glazed sweet potato slices, apricot halves. Whole baby beets in the broiler pan can be buttered or spiced.

Minute steaks cubed to be tender with honest-to-goodness beef flavor can replace more expensive beef for broiling. Our favorite seasoning trick is to spread each steak with garlic butter and sprinkle with Worcestershire sauce. A good vegetable choice for the broiler pan? Brussels sprouts to which a dash of nutmeg has been added are reheated in heavy cream. To go alongside the steaks, we suggest apricot-jam-glazed apple slices.

You can never go wrong indoors or outdoors with broiled ***chicken quarters***—particularly when you baste them with your very own special barbecue sauce. You'll find the chicken broiled to a perfect turn if you place the grill about four inches from the source of heat—slow broiling is the secret!

The wide variety of luncheon meats will give you just as much variety in family meals. ***Bologna slices*** with the casing left on can be popped into a hot skillet and cooked until slices curl into cups. Then fill with old-fashioned German potato salad—hot, of course! Try cabbage wedges underneath the broiler rack. And beside the bologna: thick onion slices sprinkled with Swiss cheese.

Cut ***canned luncheon meat*** into ¼-inch, lengthwise slices, then glaze with brown sugar and stud with cloves or spread slices with that wonderful herb-flavored mustard before broiling. Spinach seasoned with bacon drippings chalks up a point for the good nutrition side—and mashed potatoes can be shaped into patties, brushed with cream and dusted with paprika.

Lamb belongs in the budget class when you alternate chunks with tiny, precooked onions—real ***kabob*** style! Brush with French dressing before broiling and broil with spiced peaches above, green bean sticks below. Lamb is another broiler bet when it's ground, then shaped into ***patties.*** Dot with butter and after turning, top with a teaspoon of currant jelly and a sprinkling of chopped mint.

And now we ask: "Only steaks and chops for broiling?" An emphatic "no!" The list of meals-in-one that will help pare down that food budget as well as cut hours in the kitchen for you, is too long—much too long!

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TROPIC SALAD-DESSERT

- 1 No. 2½ can DEL MONTE Sliced Pineapple
- 2 large bananas
- 1 can (12-oz.) DEL MONTE Apricot or Peach Nectar
- 1 tsp. grated lemon peel
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- ½ tsp. salt
- 2½ tbsps. unflavored gelatin
- Water
- Watercress or other greens

Drain pineapple well, pouring syrup into 4-cup measure. If necessary, add enough water to syrup to make 1½ cups. Peel bananas; score lengthwise with fork; slice into syrup. Add nectar, lemon peel, lemon juice, salt. Soften gelatin in ½ cup water. Dissolve over hot water; combine with syrup mixture. Spoon bananas out of gelatin-syrup mixture into lightly oiled 9" cake pan, 1¼" deep. Let stand till just set; add remaining mixture carefully. Chill till firm; unmold on plate; top with 5 to 8 drained pineapple slices. Garnish with greens, and maraschino cherries if desired. Served here with dressing of mayonnaise mixed with whipped cream and chopped maraschino cherries. Makes 5 to 8 servings.



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raspberry fluff pie

Preparation Time: 15–20 minutes

YOU'LL NEED:

Graham crackers
Sugar
Butter or margarine
1 pkg. raspberry-flavored gelatin
Lemon juice
1 pint vanilla ice cream
Walnuts

Serves 6

Combine 2 cups graham-cracker crumbs, 2 tbs. sugar and ¼ cup melted butter or margarine.
Press evenly into a greased 9-inch pie pan.
Bake at 350° F. for 10 minutes. Cool.
Sprinkle 1 cup chopped walnuts over bottom of shell.
Dissolve gelatin in 1½ cups boiling water.
Add 2 tbs. lemon juice, then chill until slightly thickened.
Beat gelatin with ice cream until well blended.
Pour over walnuts. Chill until firm.
Garnish as desired.

strawberry Stromboli

Preparation Time: 10 minutes

YOU'LL NEED:

1 pkg. strawberry-flavored gelatin
1 can coconut
1 baker's sponge layer cake
Heavy cream
1 pkg. frozen strawberries

Serves 6

Prepare gelatin according to directions on the package, using 1½ cups liquid.
Chill until slightly thickened.
Fold in 1 cup coconut.
Pour into a small bowl and chill until firm.
Unmold on cake.
Beat ½ cup heavy cream until stiff.
Fold in strawberries which have been thawed.
Add ½ cup coconut.
Frost cake with cream.

tuna-tomato aspic

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

YOU'LL NEED:

Unflavored gelatin
1 #2 can tomato juice
1 7-oz. can tuna fish, chunk style
Celery
Onions
Stuffed olives

Serves 6

Soften 2 tbs. unflavored gelatin in ½ cup tomato juice.
Heat remaining tomato juice to boiling point.
Add gelatin and stir until dissolved.
Chill until slightly thickened.
Add 1 can flaked tuna fish, 1½ cups chopped celery, 2 tbs. grated onion, ¾ cup sliced olives, 1 tsp. salt and ¼ tsp. pepper.
Pour into a 1½ quart mold and chill until firm.

• spicy accents

Preparation Time: 10 minutes

YOU'LL NEED:

1 pkg. lime-flavored gelatin
Mayonnaise; green pepper
Pickle relish; onion
White vinegar

1 pkg. lemon-flavored gelatin; mayonnaise
Horseradish
1 small can diced beets
Vinegar

6–8 servings

LIME RELISH

Prepare gelatin according to directions on the package, using 1 cup liquid.
Chill until slightly thickened.
Add 1 cup mayonnaise and beat until well blended.
Add ⅓ cup chopped green pepper, ⅓ cup pickle relish, 2 tbs. grated onion and ¼ cup vinegar.
Pour into molds; chill until firm.

LEMON RELISH

Prepare gelatin according to directions on the package, using 1 cup liquid.
Chill until slightly thickened.
Add 1 cup mayonnaise and beat until well blended.
Add ¼ cup drained horseradish, 1 cup well-drained beets, and 2 tbs. vinegar.
Pour into molds; chill until firm.

NOTE: If desired, relishes may be made without mayonnaise, using 1½ cups liquid.

• lemon-banana pinwheel cake

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

YOU'LL NEED:

2 packages lemon-flavored gelatin
1 baker's jelly roll
4 medium-sized ripe bananas
Heavy cream

8–10 servings

Pour 2 cups boiling water over gelatin.
Stir until dissolved.
Chill until slightly thickened.
Line a lightly oiled, 8-inch spring-form pan with slices of jelly roll.
Fold 2 cups mashed bananas into gelatin.
Beat 1 cup heavy cream until stiff and fold into banana mixture.
Pour into pan.
Chill until firm.

SPECIAL GELATIN TIPS from our American Home kitchen! Try a **nippy salad**—prepare lime gelatin according to directions on package, using 1½ cups liquid. Add ¼ cup tarragon vinegar, chill until slightly thickened. Fold in 2 cups grated cabbage and chill until firm. Unmold on red cabbage leaves. For a **dessert salad,** fold 1 cup cut up marshmallows, 1 cup drained peach slices into strawberry gelatin which has thickened slightly. For **desserts** which are always flavorful and real refreshers, try alternating cubed raspberry and lemon gelatin with whipped cream. Sprinkle with grated lemon rind. Or how about molding orange gelatin in an 8-inch layer cake pan? Unmold on an 8-inch chocolate layer cake. Let a bowl of thawed frozen red raspberries go to the table with this! Or for a real treat, add 2 tbs. lemon juice to cherry gelatin. Chill until firm, then crush with a fork. Fold in 1 cup sweetened whipped cream. Serve over canned apricot halves.

Gelatin



Raspberry Fluff Pie

Tuna-Tomato Aspic

Spicy Accents

Lemon-Banana Pinwheel Cake

Strawberry Stromboli


FIX-IT-BEFORE DINNER
Chilled Pineapple Juice
Deviled Ham Dunk—Crisp Crackers
Chicken Dinner-in-One
Tomato Twists
Sweet 'n Sours
Pickled Dillies
Chocolate Cream Feather Loaf



Fixed the Night Before

With a menu like this one, made ready our way, you can serve good conversation along with good food—for you can spend the afternoon over the bridge table, or catching up on your reading. It's a versatile dinner for a versatile homemaker to present, for it is worthy of honored guests, but not too highfalutin' to add to your regular repertoire of excellent family fare. It's not a "quickie" in the usual sense, for its well-blended flavors, its taste surprises, take time to achieve. But you can give it the time you can best spare—and that isn't always the hours just before dinner! Thanks to those good refrigerators of ours, Mrs. 1952 can do the big jobs the day before, and be free to join her family and friends in the pre-dinner fun while the casserole and Tomato Twists, prepared in advance, get their finishing touches in the oven—and everything else nests in its serving dishes, all ready for the good eating it makes.

For a meal of this kind, at this season, what better choice for an all-in-one casserole than a plump spring chicken? And when it teams with garden-fresh peas, tiny new potatoes, and canned mushroom slivers in heavy cream blended with a delicate

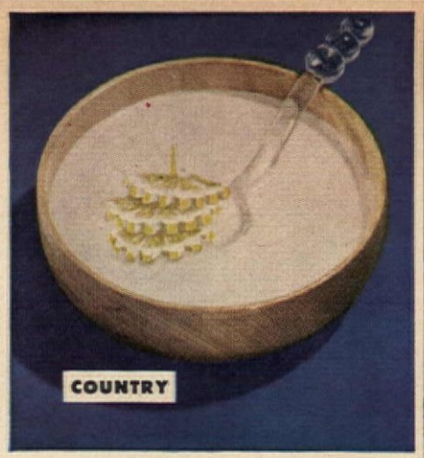
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TWO *dressings in* ONE



Sunkist Town and Country salad dressing is two wonderful dressings in one. Whip the ingredients if you want creamy, elegant (*Town*) dressing for fruit salads. Or stir if you want the tangy, liquid (*Country*) dressing for slaws, greens, or combination salads. Quickly made. No cooking. Low in calories. Low in cost. Try them—with the fine, full flavor of *Fresh Sunkist Lemons*.

SUNKIST TOWN AND COUNTRY SALAD DRESSING

½ tsp. salt — ⅛ tsp. dry mustard — 1/16 tsp. paprika
2 tbsp. sugar — 1 tbsp. cider vinegar
½ c. fresh lemon juice — ⅔ c. evap. milk
3 tbsp. mayonnaise

TOWN DRESSING (for fruit salads): Chill milk in bowl or ice tray until crystals form. Mix salt and spices with sugar; add vinegar and lemon juice. Beat chilled milk very stiff. With beater at low speed, slowly add spice mixture. Fold in mayonnaise. Makes full pint of whipped dressing.

COUNTRY DRESSING (for slaws, greens, vegetables): Mix salt and spices with sugar, then add to mayonnaise. Stir in vinegar and lemon juice, then milk. Serves 6-8.



Secrets FROM THE *Sunkist Kitchen*



BY GERTRUDE AUSTIN
Sunkist Home Economics Director

Try fresh lemon juice with sugar fo lettuce, chopped apples or carrots Or try it with salt on avocado, to mato, combination vegetable an other salads. Good—and slimmin

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Remember lemons when you s

The Night Before (Begins on page 64)

suggestion of thyme and celery flavor, it is hearty as it is subtle, pretty as it is palatable. Get it ready for cooking the day before and into the refrigerator until oven time.

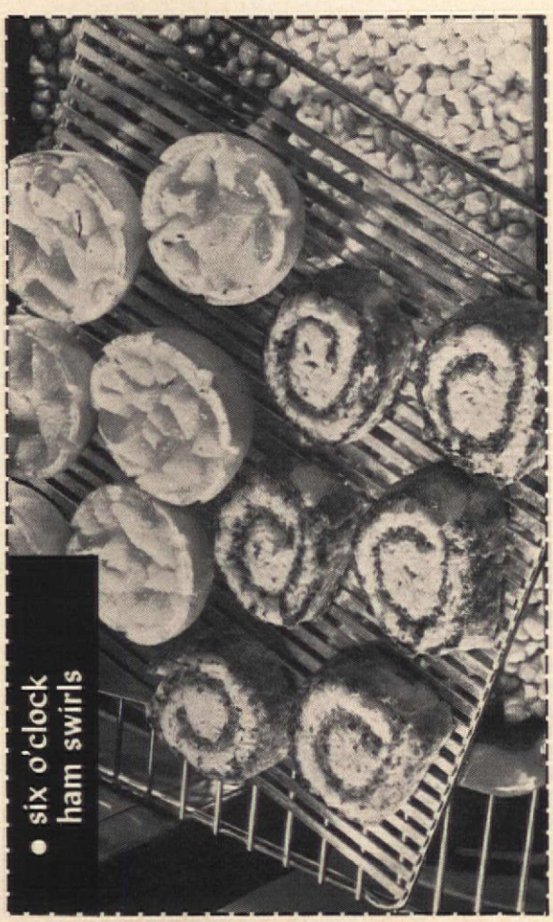
While the casserole cooks, start off your good dinner with icy cold pineapple juice served up with crisp crackers and a spicy, rose-colored ham spread. Just combine two cans of deviled ham with two tablespoons of mayonnaise and two tablespoons of prepared mustard, then surround it with a variety of bite-sized cheese crackers, toasted wheat, and crisp buttered wafers.

The Tomato Twists we've planned to serve with your chicken are good old-fashioned biscuits in a good, new-fashioned guise, for we've added the surprise flavors of tomato juice, sharp cheese, and celery seed. Make them the night before, and keep them well covered, already shaped in fat little twists on a baking sheet in your refrigerator. Just before the big performance, they'll join the casserole in the oven. And are they good!

The "salad" is a surprise, too—for a tray of assorted relishes is our choice to be fixed the night before. Crisp celery stalks are filled with a tangy trio of roquefort, Cheddar, and cream cheeses blended. Try dill pickles sandwich style, the filling being a zippy egg-salad. Our garlic pickles come straight from a Mississippi kitchen to yours—sweet, spicy, and crunchy. All this to pique your interest, for you'll find more relish ideas with no last-minute fussing on page 72.

For a happy ending, we give you two of our favorite recipes—take your choice! The first is a light-as-a-tumbleweed coconut cake frosted with dark, chocolate-flavored whipped cream—and crowned with more moist coconut shreds. Or if you'd rather, peppermint-stick candy is introduced to crushed pineapple in an airy, delicious, chiffon concoction. Whether you use a pastry shell, or make your shell of crushed cookies (either chocolate or spice), it's the kind of chiffon pie you dream about.

5 Easy Meals (Begins on page 58)



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5 Easy Meals (Begins on page 58)

• six o'clock ham swirls

1 lb. ground, cooked ham
1 egg
1 tsp. ground cloves
½ cup well-drained crushed pineapple
2 cups mashed, seasoned sweet potatoes
2 cups cooked peas
1 can whole kernel corn
2 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
2 tbs. cooking oil
4 medium-sized oranges
¼ cup well-drained, sliced maraschino cherries
2 tbs. honey

Combine ham, egg, cloves, and pineapple. Pat out into a rectangle ½ inch thick on waxed paper. Spread potatoes evenly over meat and roll up. Cut into 1-inch slices. Place peas and corn in bottom of broiler pan. Sprinkle with salt, pepper, and cooking oil. Place ham slices on broiler rack. Broil 5 inches from source of heat for 10 minutes. Cut oranges in half and scoop out pulp. Mix pulp with cherries and fill orange shells. Dribble some of the honey over each orange half. Turn meat and place oranges on rack. Continue broiling for 8–10 minutes.

Serves 8 ***474 calories per serving***

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I mailed it the day Jeff said, "Aw Jimmy's mother is more fun than you are!"

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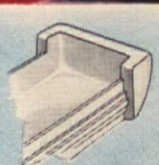
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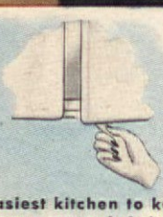
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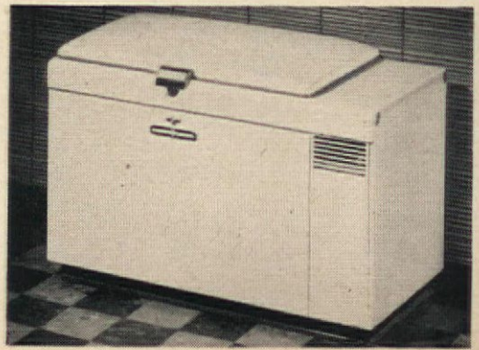
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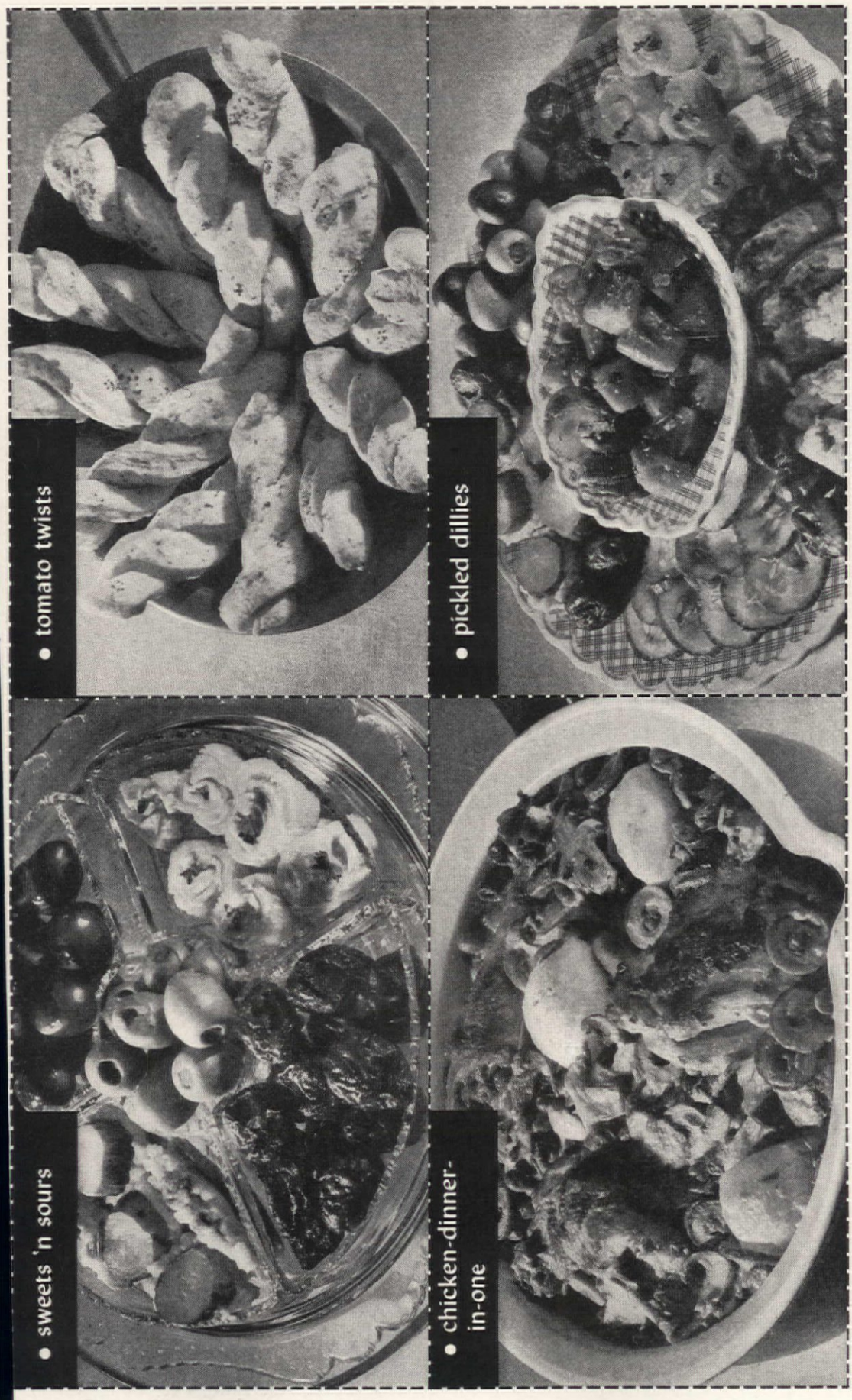


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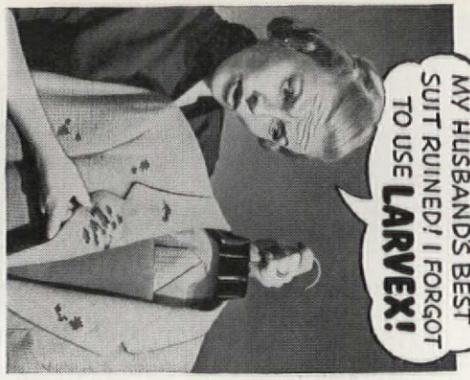


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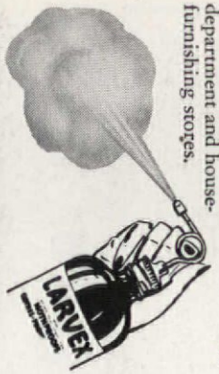
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• chicken-dinner-in-one

6–8 small new potatoes
2 cups fresh or frozen peas
One 3–4 lb. broiler, cut in serving pieces
¼ tsp. thyme
⅛ tsp. celery salt
Dash of cayenne
½ cup sliced, stuffed olives
1 can mushrooms, drained
2 cups heavy cream

Peel potatoes. Cook, tightly covered, in a small amount of boiling, salted water until tender. Cool. Cook peas, tightly covered, in a small amount of boiling, salted water until tender. Cool. Brown chicken in melted fat and cool. Alternate layers of potatoes, peas, and chicken in a greased 2½-quart baking dish. Combine remaining ingredients and pour over chicken and vegetables. Bake, covered, at 325° F. for 1 hour or until thoroughly heated.
Note: Casserole may be refrigerated overnight and then baked at 325° F. for about 1½ hours.

Serves 6 ***476 cal. per serving***

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• pickled dillies

DILL PICKLE BOATS

12 medium-sized dill pickles 1 cup egg salad

Cut pickles in half lengthwise. Scoop out enough pulp from each half to make a shell ¼-inch thick. Chop pulp and mix with salad. Fill shells with pickle-egg mixture. Sprinkle with paprika.

PRUNES PICKLED

1 lb. prunes 1 cup sugar 2 tbs. ground cloves
1 cup vinegar 1 cup water 1 tsp. cinnamon

Cover prunes with boiling water and cook for 10 minutes. Drain. Combine vinegar, sugar, water, cloves, and cinnamon. Bring to a boil. Add prunes and cook for 10 minutes. Remove from heat and cool thoroughly.

GARLIC PICKLES

2 dozen large dill pickles 3 cloves garlic, cut fine 1 cup vinegar
2 cups sugar Box of pickling spices 1 tbs. salt

Cut pickles into 1-inch crosswise pieces. Soak in cold water for 2 hours. Drain. Combine pickles, sugar, garlic, pickling spices, vinegar, and salt. Place in refrigerator overnight.

Recipe courtesy Mrs. H. S. Alexander

• sweets 'n sours

GARLIC OLIVES

1 large can ripe olives 3 slices lemon
4 small cloves garlic, peeled and sliced Olive oil
Chopped parsley

Combine olives, garlic, and lemon slices. Add enough olive oil to cover olives. Chill overnight. Drain and sprinkle with parsley.

MARINATED CUCUMBER

1 cup French dressing ½ cup vinegar 3 cups thin cucumber slices

Combine French dressing and vinegar. Pour over cucumber slices and chill for several hours. Stir occasionally.

STUFFED CELERY

½ cup Cheddar cheese spread 2 tbs. grated onion
½ cup blue cheese spread 1 tbs. Worcestershire sauce
1 3-oz. package cream cheese 1 medium-sized bunch celery

Blend Cheddar cheese, blue cheese, cream cheese, onion, and Worcestershire sauce together thoroughly. Separate stalks of celery and spread each stalk with cheese mixture. Fit stalks together. Chill thoroughly. Cut into ¼-inch slices.

• tomato twists

2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
2½ tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
⅓ cup shortening
¾ cup grated sharp cheese
⅔ cup tomato juice
¼ cup melted butter or margarine (approximately)
2 tbs. celery seeds (approximately)

Sift flour, baking powder, and salt. Add cheese and shortening and cut into mixture until it resembles coarse corn meal. Add tomato juice to make a dough soft but not sticky. Turn out on lightly floured board and knead lightly for ½ minute. Pat out to ½-inch thickness. Cut in strips ½-inch wide and 3 inches long. Braid 2 strips together. Place on greased baking sheet. Brush braids with melted butter and top with celery seeds. Bake at 450° F. 12–15 minutes. If desired, biscuits may be well wrapped and refrigerated overnight.

Yield: 2 dozen ***80 cal. per serving***

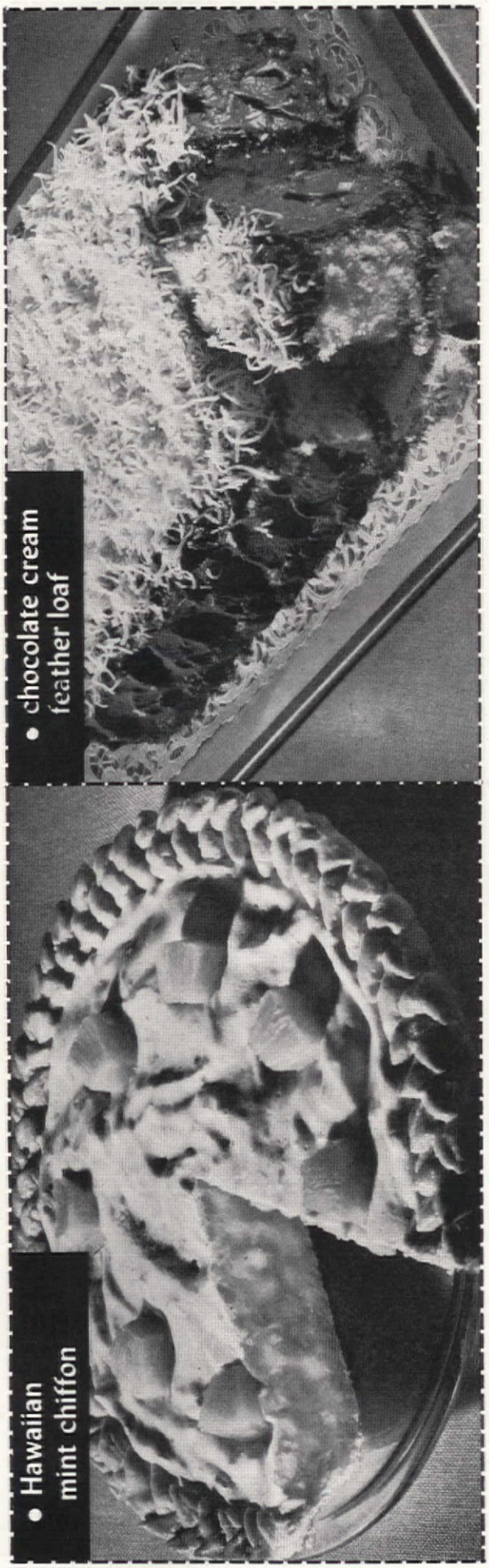
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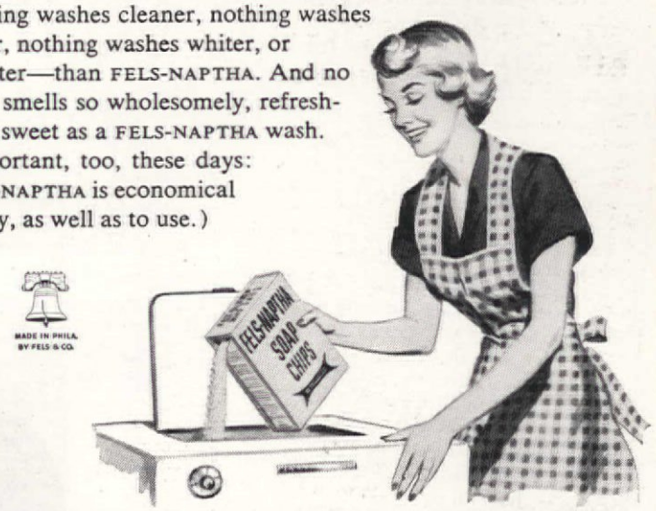


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1 pound ground lean beef
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1 No. 2 can whole kernel corn
1 tablespoon chili powder
4 teaspoons salt
¾ cup cornmeal
1 No. 1 tall can ripe olives
1 cup grated American cheese



Brown beef in oil. When meat is almost cooked, stir in onion and cook until onion is transparent. Add tomatoes, corn, chili powder and salt, and heat to boiling. Slowly stir in cornmeal. Cook over very low heat 10 to 15 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking. Cut olives from pits into large pieces. Stir olives into tamale mixture, and turn into 2 quart casserole. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 30 to 40 minutes. Makes 6 big servings.



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Fixed the Night Before

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• chocolate cream feather loaf

3 cups sifted cake flour
1½ tbs. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
¾ cup shortening
1½ cups sugar
3 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup milk
2 cups coconut

Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together. Cream shortening and sugar until fluffy. Add egg yolks and beat well. Add milk and dry ingredients alternately. Add vanilla. Beat egg whites until stiff and fold in. Fold in coconut. Turn into a greased and floured 7 x 11 in. pan and bake at 350° F. for 50–60 minutes. Remove from oven, cool on cake rack 5 minutes, then remove from pan and allow to cool thoroughly.

Frosting:

½ pint whipping cream
¼ cup cocoa
⅓ cup powdered sugar
1 cup coconut

Whip cream until stiff. Sift cocoa and powdered sugar together, then fold into cream. Frost top and sides of cake, and use coconut to cover cake top. Place in refrigerator overnight.

Serves 8–10 606–771 cal. per serving

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• Hawaiian mint chiffon

1 baked 9-inch pastry shell
1 tbs. unflavored gelatin
¼ cup cold water
3 eggs, separated
2 tbs. sugar
¼ tsp. salt
1 tbs. lemon juice
1 cup crushed pineapple
½ tsp. mint extract
½ cup crushed peppermint stick candy

Soften gelatin in cold water. Beat egg yolks slightly and add 2 tbs. sugar, salt, lemon juice, and pineapple. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until thickened. Remove from heat and add mint extract and gelatin. Stir until gelatin is thoroughly dissolved. Chill until slightly thickened. Beat egg whites until stiff, gradually adding ⅓ cup sugar. Fold into gelatin mixture, then fold in peppermint candy. Pour into pastry shell. Chill until firm. Garnish as desired.

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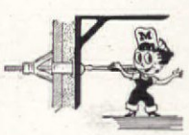
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• corned beef crescents

1 1-lb. can corned beef hash
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6 slices grapefruit, ½ inch thick
¼ cup French dressing
Stuffed olives
Parsley

Combine corned beef hash with pickle. Form into 6 crescent shapes. Place on broiler rack and broil 4 inches from source of heat for 5 minutes. Brush grapefruit slices generously with French dressing. Place one hash crescent on each grapefruit slice. Continue broiling for 5 minutes. Garnish with olive slices and parsley.

Serves 6 ***157 cal. per serving***

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• grilled cornbread franks

2 cups corn-bread cubes
2 tbs. melted butter or margarine
¼ cup grated onion
¼ cup crumbled, cooked bacon (reserve drippings)
½ tsp. salt
⅛ tsp. pepper
8 frankfurters
1 #2½ can sauerkraut
2 tbs. caraway seeds

Combine corn-bread cubes, butter or margarine, onion, bacon, salt, and pepper. Slit frankfurters and fill with corn-bread mixture. Spread sauerkraut evenly over bottom of broiler pan. Sprinkle with bacon drippings and caraway seeds. Replace rack and arrange frankfurters on rack. Broil 3 inches from source of heat for 8–10 minutes or until frankfurters are lightly browned.

Serves 4 ***828 cal. per serving***

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• broiled salmon steaks

¼ cup melted butter or margarine
2 tbs. lemon juice
4 medium-sized salmon steaks
4 medium-sized green tipped bananas

Combine butter or margarine with lemon juice. Brush salmon steaks with some of the lemon butter. Place salmon steaks on broiler rack. Broil 3 inches from source of heat for 10 minutes. Brush bananas with some of the lemon butter and place on rack. Turn salmon steaks and brush with remaining lemon butter. Broil for 5 minutes. Turn bananas and continue broiling for 5 minutes. Serve salmon with Cucumber Sauce.

SAUCE

½ cup grated cucumbers
2 tbs. grated onions
2 tbs. well-drained horseradish
½ cup light cream
½ tsp. salt
⅛ tsp. pepper

Combine all ingredients and heat to serving temperature.

NOTE: Tunafish or halibut steaks may be substituted for salmon if desired.

Serves 4 ***625 cal. per serving***

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• Spanish beefburger

1½ lbs. ground beef
2 tbs. Worcestershire sauce
1 tsp. dry mustard
Few drops of Tabasco sauce
1½ tsp. onion salt
¼ tsp. pepper
6 medium-sized tomatoes
1 cup grated Cheddar cheese
½ cup finely chopped green pepper
Salt
Pepper
1 cup thinly sliced onion rings
2 tbs. melted butter or margarine
1 cup catsup

Combine beef, Worcestershire sauce, mustard, tabasco sauce, onion salt, and pepper. Shape into one large patty. Place on broiler pan and broil 3 inches from source of heat for 8–10 minutes (depending upon desired degree of doneness). Cut tomatoes in half. Scoop 1 tbs. pulp out of each half. Mix pulp with cheese and green pepper. Sprinkle each half with salt and pepper. Stuff tomatoes lightly with cheese mixture. Turn meat and place tomatoes on rack. Continue broiling for 5 minutes. Cook onion rings in butter or margarine until tender but not brown. Pour catsup over meat. Place onion rings on meat. Continue broiling for about 5 minutes.

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Dust and dirt are injurious to pile floor coverings as well as to your health: they not only dim carpets, but actually shorten their lives, for dirt works into the pile and may cut the yarn.

Daily Care:

Use your carpet sweeper every day to pick up surface dust, lint, and crumbs before they work into the pile of your rugs. Spring action on most sweepers allows you to adjust it to the thickness of your rugs



Quick Spot Care:

THREE GENERAL RULES:

1. Soak up liquids with clean, slightly damp absorbent cloth, white blotter



2. Scrape semi-solid liquids with spoon, dull knife, or spatula



3. Finish cleaning with warm water, if you don't know what spot is



CERTAIN STAINS REQUIRE SPECIAL CARE:



OILY SUBSTANCES. Scrape off excess butter, creams. Then, sponge with grease-dissolving spot remover. Work from outer edge toward center of spot

INK. Blot spilled ink. Sponge with clear water. If stain is stubborn, consult professional rug cleaner





BABY AND PET STAINS. Blot excess. A solution of ¼ cup white vinegar to 1 pint water will neutralize the alkalinity of urine stains. Always keep it on hand

BEVERAGES such as milk, tea, coffee, soft drinks, or alcohol: Sponge off excess, then sponge with water. If additional care is required, sponge with syndet-water solution (1 tsp. syndet to ½ pint lukewarm water)



MORE SPOT FIRST-AIDS, PAGE 82

Carpets

Here is a program for keeping your rugs and carpets fresh and bright. Do your end of it, and, once a year or so, turn the job over to a reliable rug-cleaning expert who can do what you can't.

Spots need quick action. If you don't know what caused them, follow the three rules under "Quick Spot Care." If you do know, "Special Care" rules will help. All these first-aids apply whether your rugs are cotton; wool; man-made fibers such as rayon, nylon, and the like; or blends of several of these. For stubborn spots, call in a cleaner.

Pests such as moths and beetles won't attack cotton or man-made fibers, but you should mothproof rugs which have wool in them. Pests will be discouraged if rugs are clean, but mothproof them anyhow.

Underpads of felt, jute, or rubber not only make a rug more luxurious to walk on, but protect the underside of the rug as well.

Periodic Care:



How often to vacuum rugs to remove embedded soil depends on your location and traffic through the room: some need it weekly, some every other day. For thorough cleaning, move machine back and forth over each spot seven times; for light cleaning, three times



You can use your clothes washer for rag or shaggy cotton scatter rugs up to 3 by 5 ft. Use warm water, mild soap or syndet; wash for five to ten minutes. Vacuuming before washing is helpful. Clothes dryer fluffs rugs; if you don't use dryer, brush or comb them

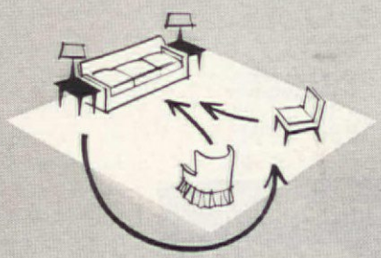


Absorbent powder cleaner will brighten your rugs between professional cleanings. Sprinkle the powder onto the rugs, brush it in, then vacuum. Be sure to follow directions on the container. You'll find your rugs won't soil as readily after this treatment

Occasional Care:



Vacuum the backs of scatter rugs once every six months to get at dirt which might have seeped through. This isn't only fastidious — it's also a kindness to rugs which will wear better if they're so treated



Rugs need a breathing spell, too! Manage to rearrange heavy furniture or reverse your rugs from time to time to relieve heavily traveled spots. Rugs will not only look better, but will have longer life if you do this



Wool or wool-blend floor coverings should be de-mothed several times a year. Use your vacuum cleaner attachment to apply anti-moth compounds



Professional rug cleaning is a must once a year or so. Do not attempt to do this yourself. Wall to wall carpets are cleaned in your home. If rugs are done outside, this is good time to wax, polish floors

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Care for Your Carpets

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ACID SUBSTANCES such as fruit juices, vinegars. Blot spillage. Sponge with water to dilute acid. To counteract acidity, apply solution of 1 tbs. ammonia or baking soda to 1 qt. water. Blot well. Sponge with clear water; blot thoroughly



BLOOD STAINS are removed by applying clear cold water to the fresh stain. Repeat with the application of cold water. This will ordinarily clear up the blood stain. If the stain remains after trying repeated applications of cold water, use a small amount of a syndet-water solution. Sponge well with clean cloth



FURNITURE POLISH is one of the most difficult stains to remove. Quickly blot excess. Use grease-dissolving spot remover or absorbent powder. If spot remains, call your professional rug cleaner

CIGARETTE BURNS: Of course, you can't "remove" a burn except by reweaving. But if a cigarette has merely charred the surface of your rug, you can give first aid which, in many cases, is all it requires. Clip the blackened ends of the rug. Follow by sponging with a syndet-water solution

RUST stains can always be given the sponge-with-water treatment first. If they resist giving up, call on the experts—the professional cleaning services. Some hazards lie in the use of preparations for rust removal. Most of them are poisonous, making them unsafe to use, while others damage the color of the carpeting

SWEET STAINS from candy, chocolate or sugar: Scrape off crusty surface with a spatula. Sponge with lukewarm water, working from outer edge of stain towards the center. This prevents spreading the stain. Then follow with a syndet-water solution (1 tsp. syndet to ½ pint water)



IN REMOVING ALL SPOTS: Use clean absorbent cloth to pick up excess (old terry towels are perfect). Sponge the spot with solution thoroughly, but gently. Work from outer edges toward the center to prevent the stain from spreading further

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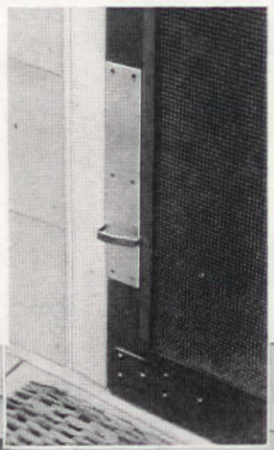
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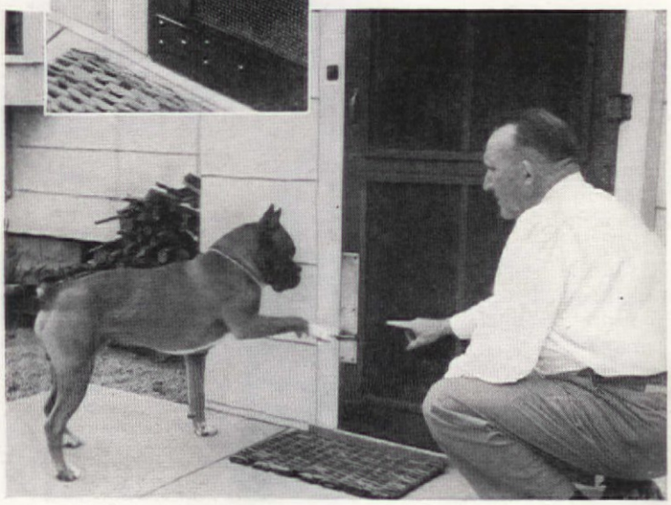
That shallow cabinet which was built ceiling high around chimney, is a perfect place for an electric clock. It's attached to a spring, and can be removed easily should it need resetting. In a good plan, no space goes to waste



A dog's life, too, is good in this kitchen. Tin-lined drawers in a base cabinet keep boxers' rations fresh. Linoleum with a spatter pattern is excellent where there are pets —you can train them to open a door, but few learn to wipe their feet on the doormat!



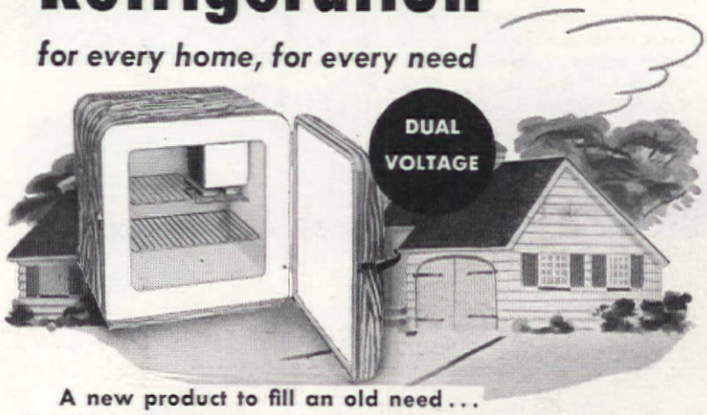
The handy master of this house not only helped with the new kitchen plan, but did a lot of the work himself. The dogs' "doorknob" was his idea: a stainless steel plate and handle on the screen door is within the dogs' reach and keeps the door from being scratched





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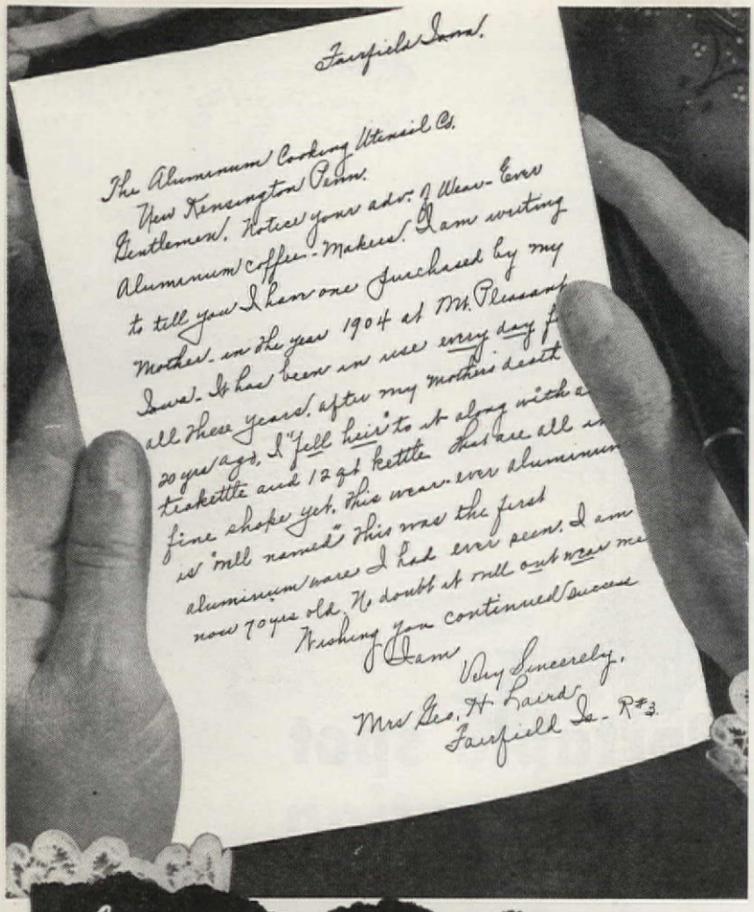
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What Good is a Household Inventory?

STEPHANIE SORMANE

If you've never kept a household inventory, you have no way of knowing what a good thing it can be, for it sets you straight in ways you'd never dream of. We came to have ours many years ago, as a result of a family discussion about fire insurance. But it turned out, quite unexpectedly, to be an enormous factor in governing my buying habits—and it has taught me how much easier it is to save money once one has learned how to spend it wisely.

We never thought of an inventory until I started wondering what would happen if our house should be entirely destroyed by fire or flood. Assuming that we would all be safe, what about the financial part? We were covered by insurance, and we had taken into consideration major things like the house itself, the furniture, and such valuables as silver and furs. But I had a sneaking suspicion that if we had to replace all the little things—the pots, the pans, the pins, the galoshes, and the hundreds of other incidentals which make up a household, we'd find that our insurance coverage was woefully inadequate. The only way to prove my point was to make a list of everything we possessed, and to put a value on each item. Just as pennies add up to dollars, all the small items one owns make an impressive total when you lump their value.

Making the inventory wasn't difficult, though it did involve a lot more detail than I had expected. But I suddenly found that I had a fine hobby in my inventory, and I worked on methods of perfecting it. It was

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Household Inventory

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fun—and enlightening as well. The big hurdles were organizing a suitable index (see page 134), and systematizing my method of taking inventory so that I could, without spending too much time at it, keep the list up to date as we added new possessions and discarded others.

I had expected to end up with a record of our household and personal belongings and their value. But I soon learned that my inventory was a help in other ways. It taught me about quality, for one thing. When I list a new purchase, I include the brand name, size if any, date of purchase, and cost. By the time I'm ready to replace it, my record gives me a definite way of knowing whether Brand A or Brand B served me best, and which gave me the most satisfaction per dollar. In many cases, the less costly item wins out.

My inventory has also helped me to budget some purchases for months in advance, since it has taught me, over the years, what the life expectancy of many items is. I know approximately when new linens or shoes will be needed, so I can plan my buying in such a way that our expenses are about the same each month.

A certain amount of "long-distance" planning is possible because of my records. If they indicate that major items like chair coverings or carpeting are apt to need replacement in a few years, that luxury we've been thinking about may have to wait, much as we hate putting it off.

I've also learned *how much* to buy. When I started my inventory, I was amazed at the number of seldom-used things which cluttered the closets—things for which we had once paid good money! I buy differently now—we have everything we want

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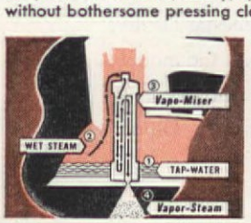
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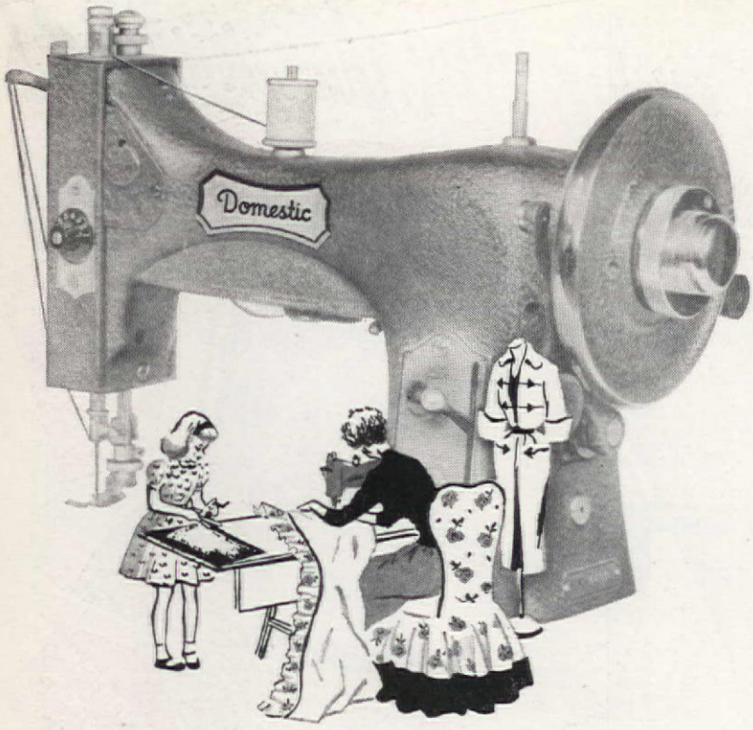
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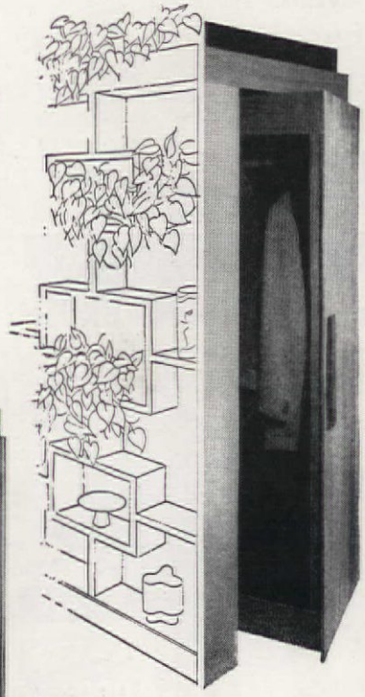
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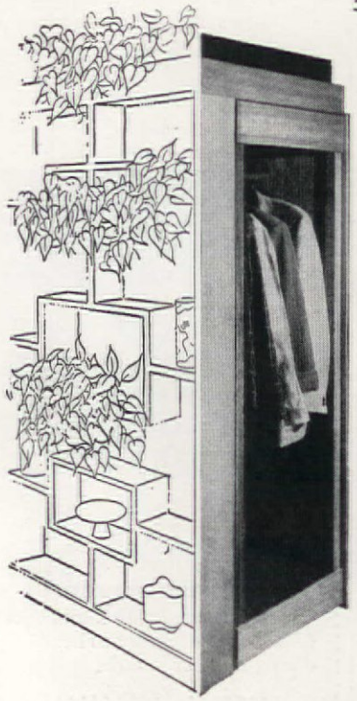
Lazy-susan Closet



Have you room for a closet where there's no room for a door? Then this clever contraption which operates like a Lazy Susan may well solve your problem. Here it's built into a room divider, but it would make good storage in any deep but narrow space which otherwise goes to waste

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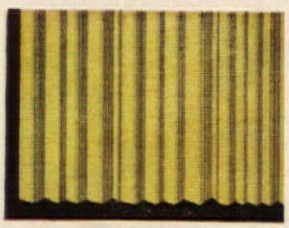
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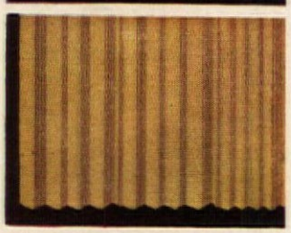
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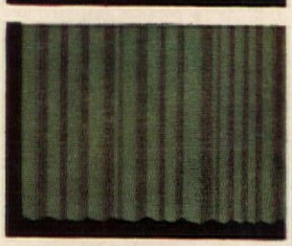


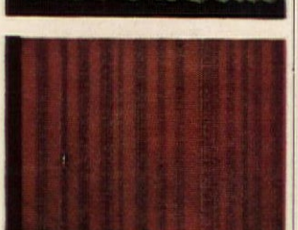
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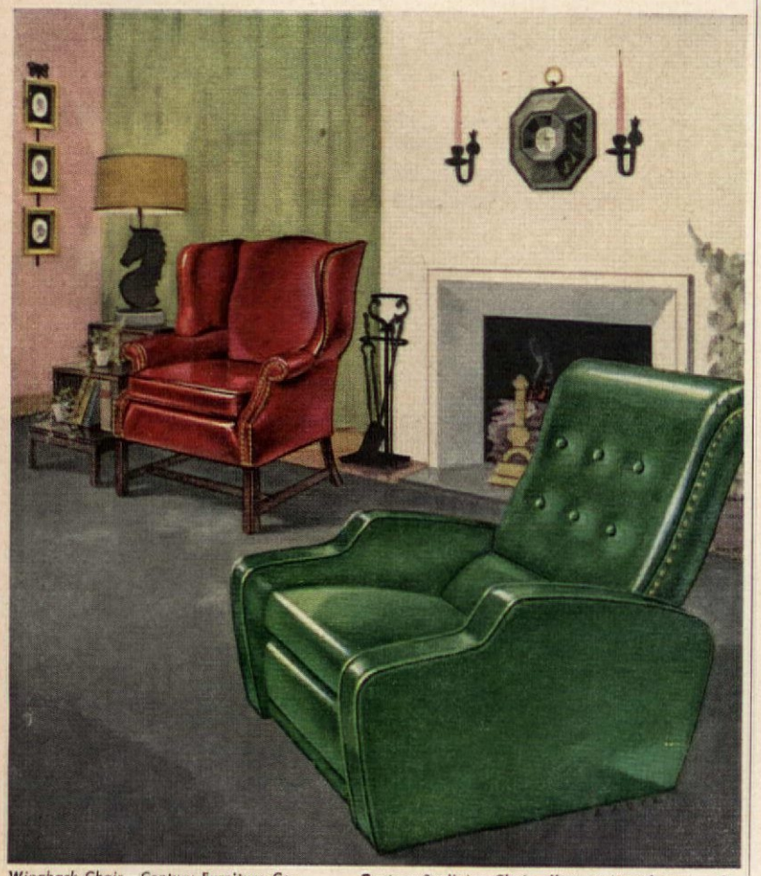
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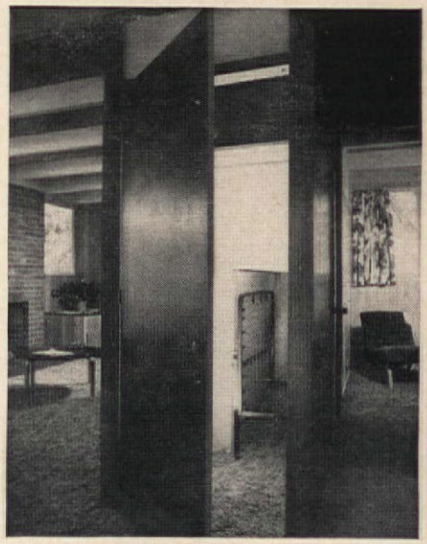
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the covered passage which connects house and garage—a fine place, too, for fair-weather parties.

When the Everett Estelles decided to build themselves a grandparents' compact little house, they fully expected a miniature version of their traditional old home, furnished in the 18th-century mahogany they had always prized. But as their architect made suggestions, their eyes lit up happily. Because those suggestions added up to modern, this is the house they built—a house with a view and a new point of view for the good years ahead. In it, they both feel as if they're vacationing.

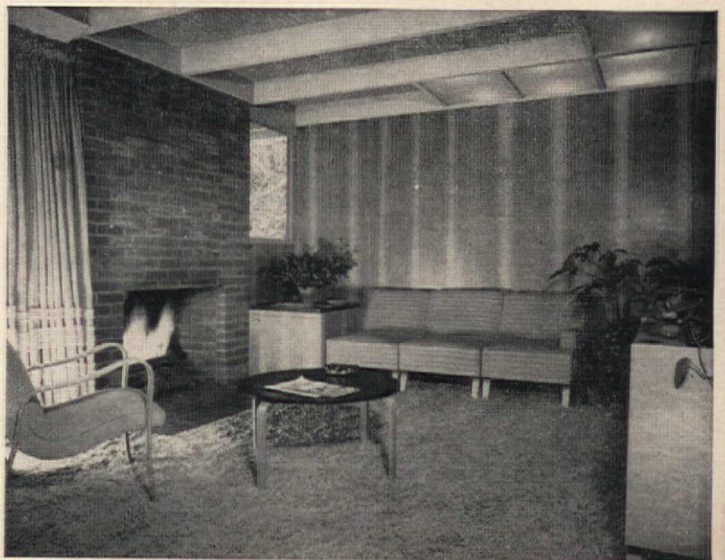
Outside, the redwood walls with pale yellow trim form a colorful contrast to the greens of the hills. Inside, the warm, smooth pecan wood which panels the living room, and the d'oro wood in the bedroom are decorative in themselves, and serve as good backgrounds for new modern furniture. Ceilings are beamed throughout, and combed wood between the beams makes a pleasing contrast.

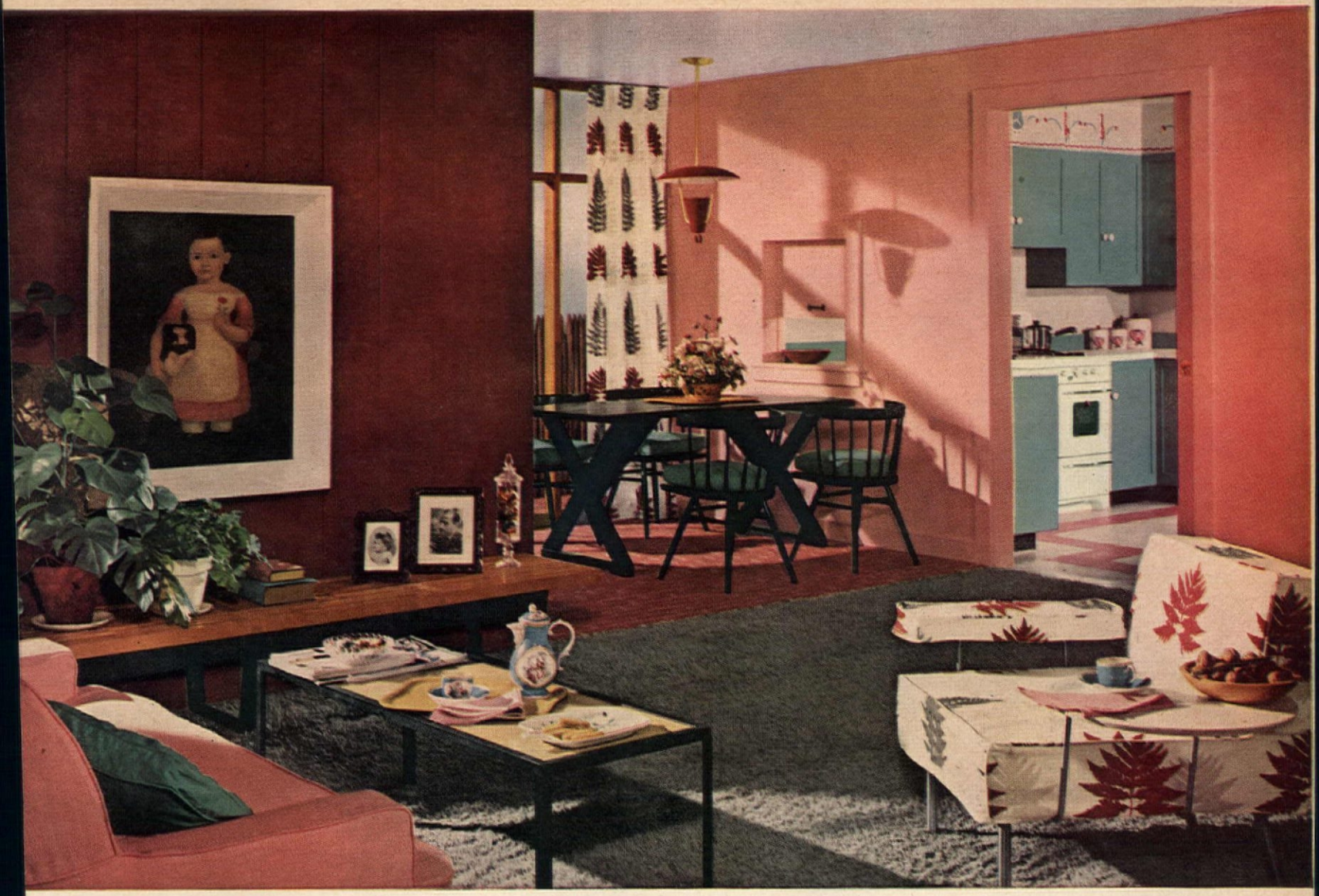
The brick fireplace adds its imposing aura, and several smart tricks help it to perform very well. For one thing, a deep metal box under the grate traps the ashes, and is equipped with handles which make it easy to lift up and empty—much better than shoveling ashes! Another good note is the built-in woodbox which also performs as a copious end table for the living room's sofa.



Open door belongs to the guest closet, carpeted like the living room. It also holds a roll-away bed which is brought out for visiting children. This is one end of a whole wall of closets which divides living room from bedroom and affords excellent storage space in this well-planned small house

Interesting color and texture are built into the room: smooth pecan wood walls, ceilings of combed wood between beams, warm-toned brick fireplace are played up by shaggy gray rug, two-textured draperies





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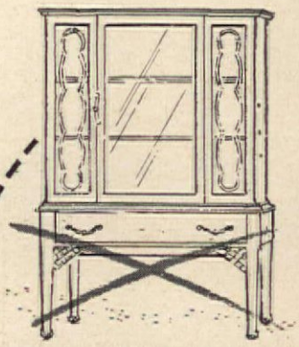
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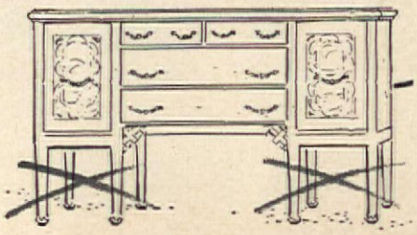
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A smart officer is the one who adds up all the possibilities of maneuvering his forces into the most strategic position—and don't think that many a housewife couldn't give him a few lessons. For instance, Mrs. Eugene Foss (from Missouri) went out on a mission—to locate a round dining table. She found it and a few casuals, including an unmatched china and buffet, in a secondhand store. Sizing up the situation, she decided to move in and take over. A coat of paint rehabilitated everything but china cabinet and buffet, and she had a plan—Operation "X"—for them.



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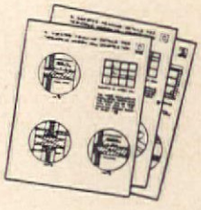
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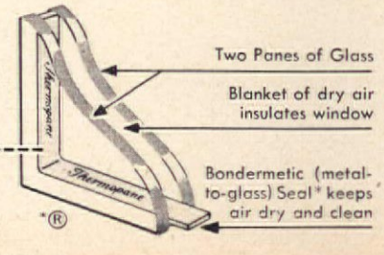
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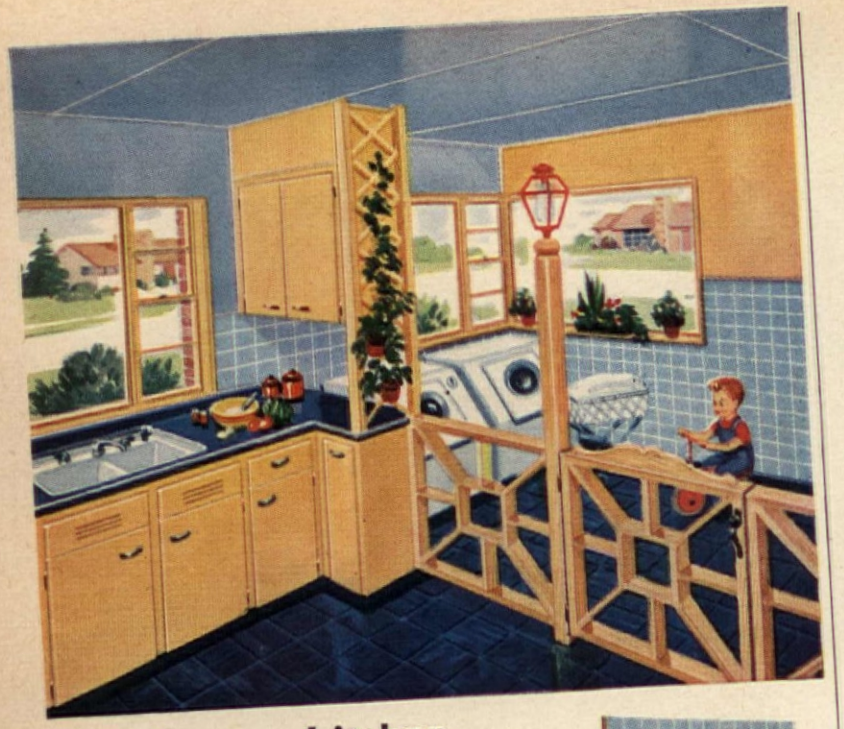
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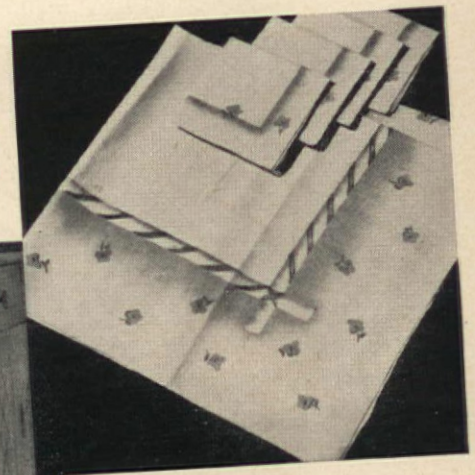
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Old Peoples' Home

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are happy, calm, and contented. Why not make New Hampshire a Mecca for more of these people? It offers so much—a recreation center, where your children and grandchildren can come and visit you; you can give them the mountains, the lakes and the seashore within but a few hours' ride.

But let us not just dream; let not dreams be our Master. Let us do it. Now. But how?

Well, in an engineer's parlance, there is a saying: "If you can figure it, and if you can draw it, you can build it." I can figure it, I can draw it, and I can build it; and I ain't just whistlin' in Dixie.

I am not ready to tell my all, but let it be said that we will use the tried and true, and we'll add a dash of something new—something better. There will be those who will say, "Why didn't somebody think of that before?" "Simple." "As obvious as the nose on your face." Yes, the greatest truths come in the simplest answers.

We'll build a town and call it Cooperville, after the author of that article in AMERICAN HOME. It'll be a brand-new town modeled after a traditional old New England Village. There will be a Town Hall; a community center with library, lecture room and music hall; a village church; and a real Country General Store with a pot-bellied stove and a cracker barrel. It will be as quaint as Louisburg Square, as modern as tomorrow. The town will be compact, but there will be gardens outside the village where one set of farm tools could do the labor for all. It will have radiant heat with a central heating plant. Yes, and we'll even heat the sidewalks and the driveways. And in the not too distant future, atomic energy will stoke the furnace, turn the turbines that turn the generators that generate the electricity for your toaster.

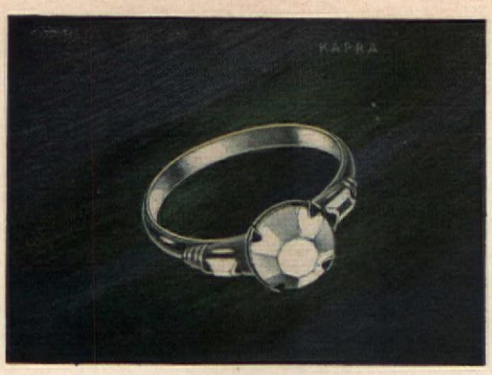
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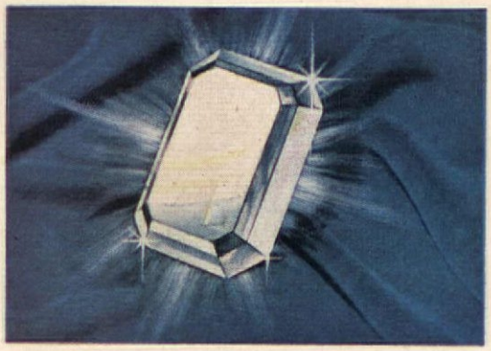
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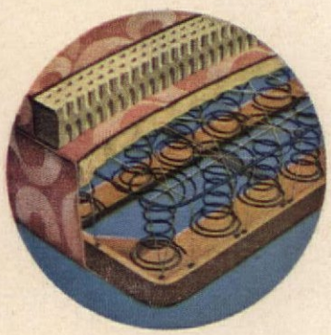
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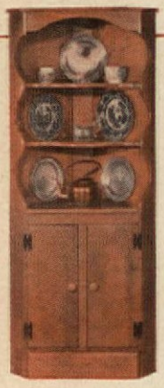
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Old People's Home

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We won't need a fire department; the houses won't burn. There'll be no room for rats and mice or bugs—there just won't be any place for them to live. They'll get mighty discouraged in Cooperville. If one shows up, we'll build a better mouse trap.

And neither will your time be idle. There'll be hobby shops, arts and crafts for the skilled hands of the old and patient, enterprises that do not require the brawn of youth.

When I was a boy I raised pigeons for squabs. I would like to do it now, but my wife will have none of it. You, Mr. Cooper, can raise squabs and have them at the optimum weight, when they are nice and succulent—refrigerate them for the summer trade. And there are other delicacies: pheasant, partridge, honey, berries, fruits, and maple syrup.

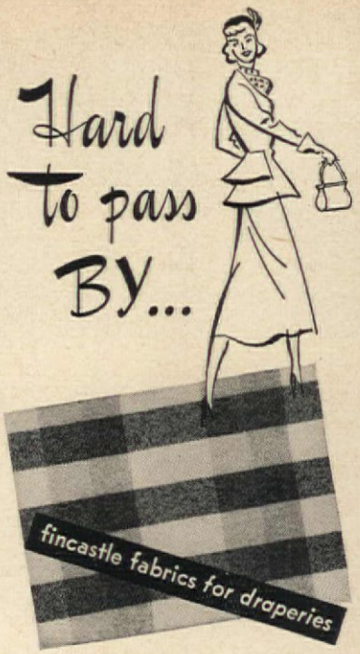
We could even have the finest dairy barn in the country. We would take the milk and heat it in a partial vacuum of 120° F. We'd draw off all the water from that cow's milk and reduce a quart down to a gill. Just think what we'd save in transporting a gill instead of a quart! All we'd have to do is add water when we want to use Bossie's milk again.

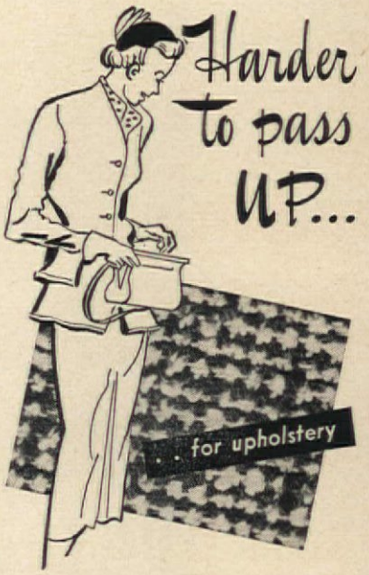
Yes, Cooperville can be a real "Old People's Heaven." Its roots will be steeped in the past, its branches reaching for the sky. It will be a town for the Samuels, seeking out the Sauls and the Davids. It will be forever fresh—when one shining star fades away another will take its place.

I, myself, am not yet half way down "the road." I am barely around the first bend and the homestretch is not yet in sight—but someday, I would like to retire in Cooperville and raise pigeons for squabs.

Sincerely yours,
Frank W. Sturm

[Because correspondent Sturm is so much in earnest about the project,





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he wrote to others as well as to us. We thought that you would be as interested as we were in the two letters below—ED]

Mr. Bill Cunningham
The Boston Herald
Boston 12, Massachusetts
Dear Bill,

Enclosed is an article and some letters that are self-explanatory after you have read them.

There's going to be a place called "Cooperville: An Old People's Heaven." Why don't you pick up the ball and give it some publicity in your column?

Enlist your brethren in the cause, disseminate it north and south, east and west. You'll have 12,000,000 eager listeners, and more to come.

Get out your biggest trumpet; blast as loud as you can. Shake down the walls of Jericho.

Very sincerely yours,
Frank W. Sturm

His Excellency
The Governor of New Hampshire
Concord, New Hampshire
Your Excellency,

I am enclosing, for your perusal, an article from AMERICAN HOME.

In your attempt to attract New Industries to New Hampshire, I would like to suggest that you give consideration to the possibility of making New Hampshire a home on a grand scale for those retiring from active life.

An "Old People's Home" would not compete with others for jobs. No Townsend Plan—no share-the-wealth scheme, but a self-sustaining and constructive undertaking.

And what a center of publicity: the children and grandchildren would sing the songs of New Hampshire far and wide.

My idea for a new way of constructing houses has plausibility. You can check with John O. Morton, your Chief Engineer in the Public Works Department. He knows my plan, but please do not ask him to divulge my secret.

In my opinion, Mr. Cooper's article "Wanted:—A New Kind of 'Old People's Home' " has universal appeal for both old and young. You can direct his article and the answer into the channels where something might be done about it.

Sincerely yours,
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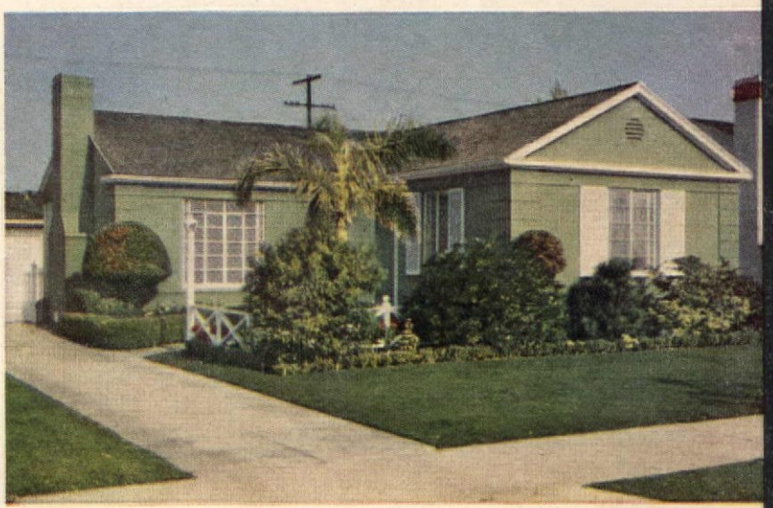


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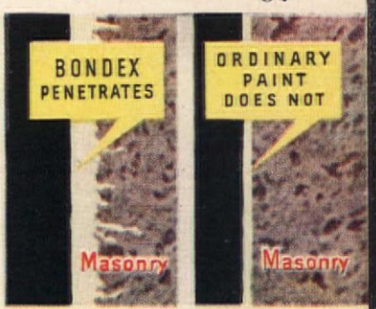
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Put Your



On buffet above, pink and mulberry Staffordshire and other antique china complement the strawberries, and wallpaper picks up the 18th-century theme. Below, roses are arranged in an antique cranberry glass lampshade, inverted. Flowers are actually placed in smaller container inside the bowl



Unless they're very rare or fragile, the best tribute you can pay to your treasures is to use them

Antiques back in Harness



The engaging still-lifes you see here represent not only an artistic flair, but a sound philosophy, for they were composed by a woman who collects antiques—to *use*. If you keep your old china and glass under lock and key, take a tip from Mrs. Lyman H. Johnson who knows how well they can serve you as containers for food and for flowers. Oh, we don't recommend that you put really rare things to everyday use—but a tour of antique shops and country auctions can yield a number of handsome, sturdy, and not-too-costly china bowls and platters and pieces of pressed glass which will be joys on your table instead of idle tenants on your shelves. In fact, Mrs. Johnson feels that she can't afford to own antiques she *doesn't* use.

If you visit with the Johnsons, you'll see what wonderfully unexpected effects antiques can produce. Here is a home noted for good food—and for the handsome, original way that it's served. At dinner, your shrimp cocktail is apt to arrive in an antique china handleless cup placed on its saucer, and the same cups, without the saucers, are used for the sherbet. A green salad, served as a separate course, is put before you in a Staffordshire soup plate—and mighty pretty it looks! If there's a fruit salad with deep purple grapes, it comes in a mulberry Staffordshire bowl, and you get it on mulberry Enoch Wood plates. Strawberries, plain or in shortcake? Pink Staffordshire for them! At a buffet supper, you'll find the spaghetti in a blue Ridgeway tureen which, at other times, may harbor

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Try some of these: Nest a single rose in Victorian milk-glass hands, and use a toothbrush holder for fuchsias. An English mustard jar holds yellow lantana, while two Staffordshire sugar bowls go to work: a mulberry one presents small fuchsias while a blue octagonal holds white jasmine and salmon-pink roses



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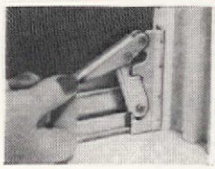
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Your Antiques

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Staffordshire figurine of King John in the Oak illustrates an old legend. Here it is backed up with some actual leaves and set gaily atop the piano

a splendid array of pink and white rose geraniums punctuated with blue plumbago.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are ardent gardeners, and she uses antiques almost exclusively as flower containers, buying each one with a specific flower in mind. A mulberry Davenport pitcher is her favorite container for lavender DeVega pelargonium. There's a mulberry Staffordshire cup and saucer for old-fashioned garden pinks, and yellow and salmon colored roses are at their best in her large brown Staffordshire pitcher. Daisies are naturals for a big English cup decked with a daisy pattern, and an amber Daisy and Button pedestal dish is perfect for French marigolds.

Enter the house, and you'll notice a bouquet of roses looking exceptionally well. Its container? An old cranberry glass lamp shade, inverted to hold the flowers. And that nosegay on her dressing table is arranged in—of all things—a Victorian china trinket box! Small flowers are good in small containers, and she has a wealth of them—an old English mustard jar for sprigs of wild mustard, a blue and white toothbrush holder for small varieties of fuchsia, brown lustre jugs to hold an offering of pansies.

Do these give you ideas? Take inventory of your own stock, and see how well you can use it. For example, what about that Staffordshire gravy boat which just sits on your shelf every day of the year? Mrs. Johnson would probably serve spiced peaches in it—that is, when she wasn't using it in her living room, filled with the blue and white blossoms of two flowering shrubs. You may be sure that it would never be idle long, for she'd always find one way or another to make it pay for its keep.

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Look... it's News!

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look—there are fewer overscaled leaves, nubby textures lead the field.

RUGS & CARPETS: Cottons and blends now look like sky-high wools, and cottons are now woven like wool. Patterned Axminsters are plentiful in lower prices, most of them in 50–50 blend, while intricate multi-colored patterns appear in upper brackets. There's news in novelty weaves which give texture. In plains, threads are more tightly twisted, weaving is more compact, effect is more luxurious.

OUTDOOR FURNITURE: Shortages of metal caused a strong come-back of rattan peel, rattan, and reed. Fresh design gives them a lightness and refinement which make them good indoors as out. Prices are very high or quite low, depending upon material and intricacy—and some of the most handsome cost least. (Page 31.)

DRAPERY FABRICS: In color, texture, and material, you can find almost anything you want, and you'll discover that the prints can be used as upholstery fabrics. Big patterns are still around, but if they tax your small rooms, there are plenty in smaller scale, some of them tiny. There's news in prints on nubby fabrics and in design motifs from the Orient. Perfected design and printing give inexpensive scenics and florals a fine-arts quality, and most roller prints, in vat colors on pre-shrunk fabrics, are completely washable. (Pages 28 and 29.)

APPLIANCES & HOUSEWARES. Many minor improvements which should make you happy because you asked for them. For example, the two-oven range has gone over so well that one is now available at a much lower price. Features which were big news a year or so ago in a few lines are now general, among them shelves on refrigerator doors, automatic defrosting, and butter keepers now offered by most major refrigerator manufacturers. Color is news in spite of the fact that still only a few companies produce colored cabinets, that only one offers a colored range, and that none will sell you a colored refrigerator. What they have done is to put pleasing golds, greens, and blues inside of refrigerators and to trim up ranges with some splashes of color. In housewares, color is all over the place—you'll find deep-fat fryers and even carpet sweepers.

CHINA & GLASS: The buffet supper is so well entrenched that it's affecting the shape of our china, and a good thing! In the news are: ovals which fit well on narrow surfaces and balance well on the lap; rounded squares, flared squares, and coupe shapes with elongations or handles to make them easy to hold. Glassware shapes and decorations are simpler. In stemware, lines are low slung with larger bowls, shorter stems.

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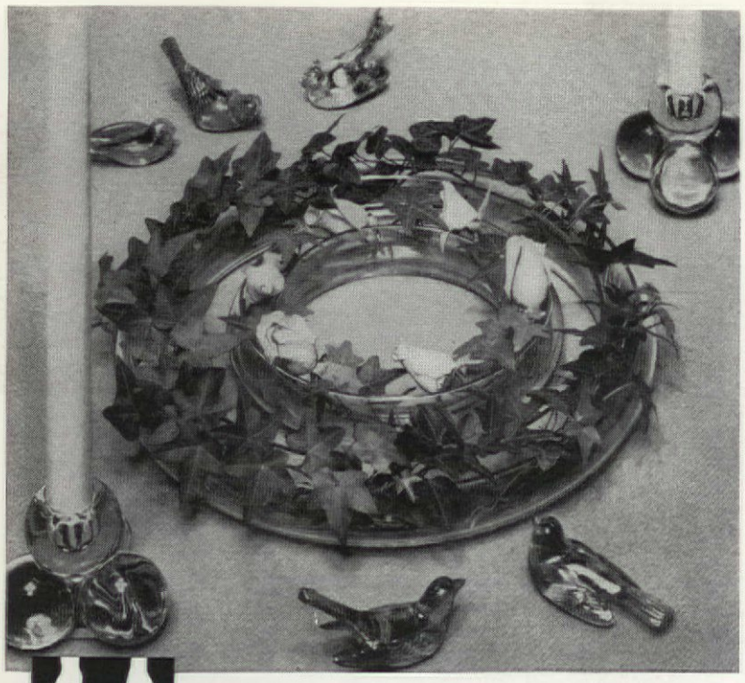
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Exactly what is glass? Basically, glass is a mixture of silica (usually pure sand) and an alkali (usually potassium or sodium). For special hardness, brilliance, color, or opacity, other chemicals may be added. The elements are heated until they melt and fuse, and then the molten glass is blown or molded into shape.

What is crystal? Crystal glass (also called "flint glass" and "lead glass") is a superior hard and brilliant glass containing a high percentage of lead. It got its name because its early makers tried to give it the quality of natural rock crystal. The first to perfect lead crystal was the celebrated 17th-century English glassmaker, George Ravenscroft. It has high luster, a clear ringing tone, and an ability to refract light which makes it ideal for cut decorations. It comes water-white, or in many colors.

How long has glass been used? We do not know who invented it, but we do know that the Egyptians made or imported glass vases at least 4,000 years ago, that the Phoenicians knew how to blow it 2,000 years ago, and that ancient Romans used it extensively around the house.

What is hand-blown glass? Artist-craftsmen fashion fine goblets, wineglasses, and vases by dipping a long metal pipe into molten glass which they blow into a bubble. Then, with lightning swiftness, they manipulate the bubble into the desired shape. Slight irregularities give hand-blown glass its "personality."

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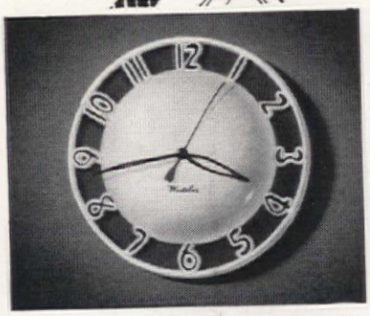
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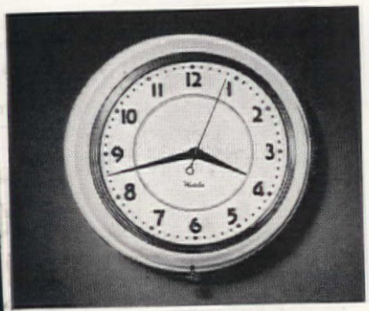
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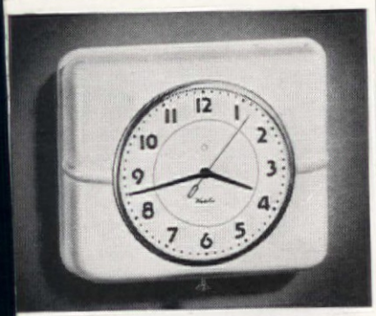




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Glassware I.Q.

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in the 1820's, and is widely used today. Instead of being blown into shape, the glass is formed in a hand-sculptured mold which gives it not only its shape, but its ornamentation as well, for any decorative pattern the glass is to have is right there in the mold. Glass for pressing contains a high percentage of lime to make it malleable. The molten glass is placed in the mold, then carefully pressed down by an operator who makes sure that every crevice is filled. Because one mold can be used over and over, and because the decorating is part of the molding operation, this process made fine glass more widely available. However, beauty was not sacrificed, for a good quality of glass carefully pressed in a well-designed mold is mighty handsome. Some valuable collectors' items are early pressed glass beauties made at Sandwich, Mass.

How is glass decorated? Except for pressed glass, most decorations are applied after glass has been shaped and cooled. For modern tableware, the principal decorations are the following: *Cutting* on a wheel is usually deep, and is the work of artist-craftsmen. It makes the most of the ability of glass to sparkle. *Etching* with acid gives a delicate design, usually less deep than cutting. *Painted* decorations in gold, silver, or color are applied by hand, then fired into the glass to make them permanent.

But don't judge a glass by decorations alone! Some of the most distinguished glassware is undecorated, and depends entirely upon its shape and the innate beauty of its material.

Can you tell good glass by its "ring?" Only partly. A good hand-blown crystal goblet will ring like a bell if you hold it by its stem and tap the bowl lightly. But the lime in even the finest hand-pressed glass keeps it from ringing clearly.

What are the signs of quality? Look for a high degree of brilliance and clarity. Inferior glass has a greenish or bluish tinge. Also make sure the edges are smooth, that the joining of stem to bowl is smooth, that pattern details are well defined.

What is a basic tableware wardrobe? There's no limit to the variety of shapes and sizes on the market, but three table glasses meet most requirements: a water glass (which may be a plain or footed tumbler or a stemmed goblet), a juice glass, and a sherbet. Stemware is usually costlier than tumblers, more fragile, and often more interesting in shape. Tall stems are most formal, though some short-stemmed glasses are correct anywhere. You can start with two or three sizes in open stock, and fill in later. And don't forget the salad and dessert plates and the serving pieces which may match your beverage glasses or contrast smartly with them.

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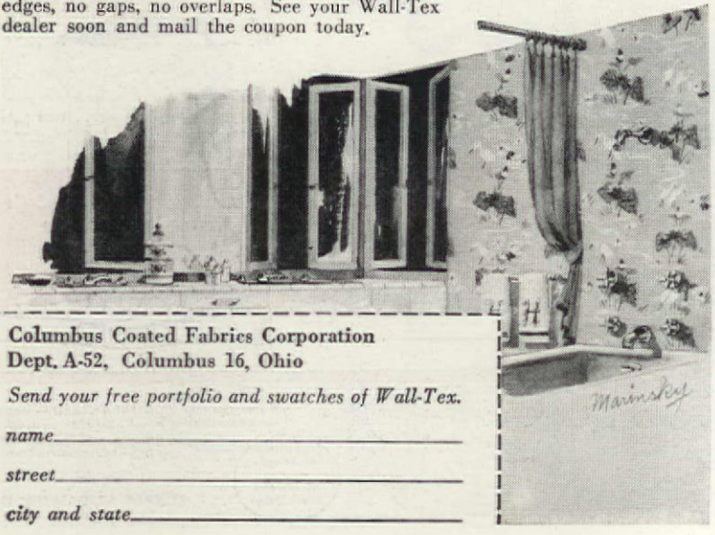
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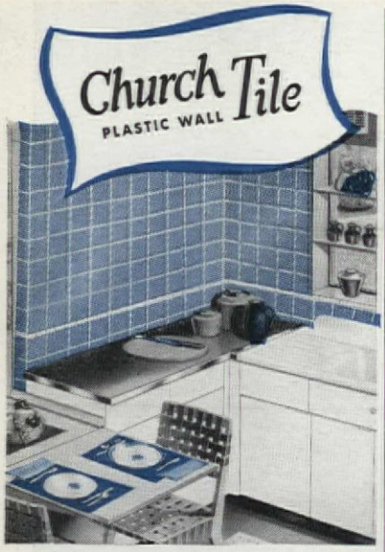
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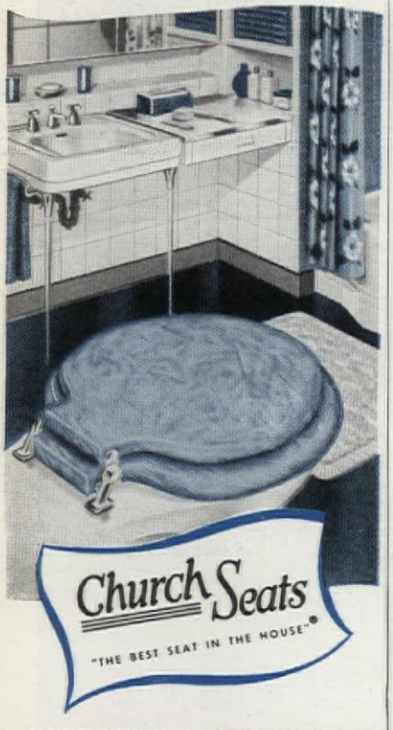
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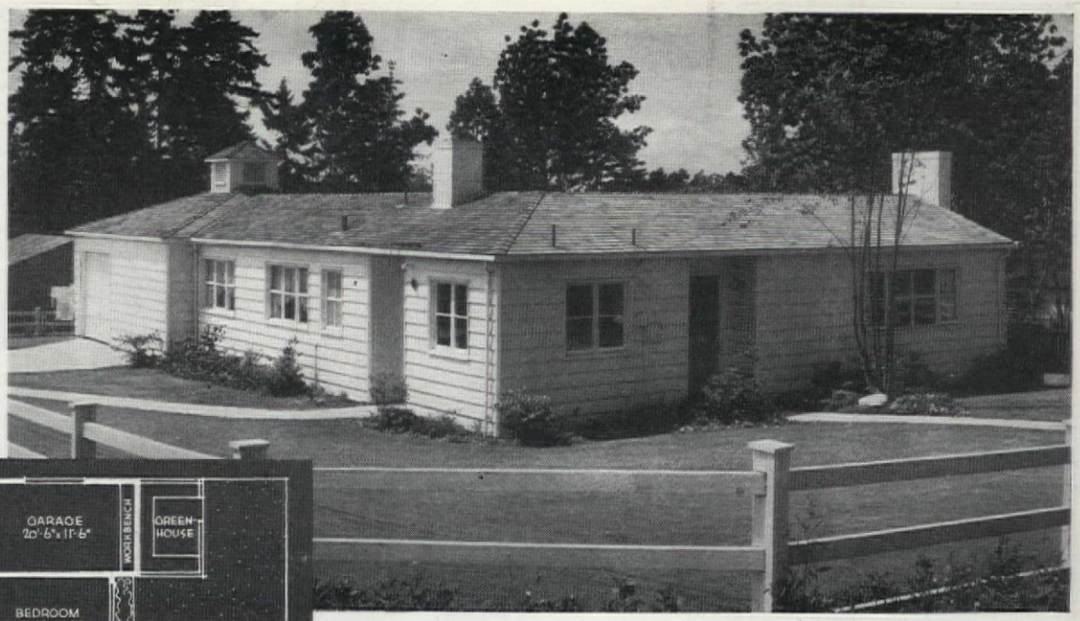
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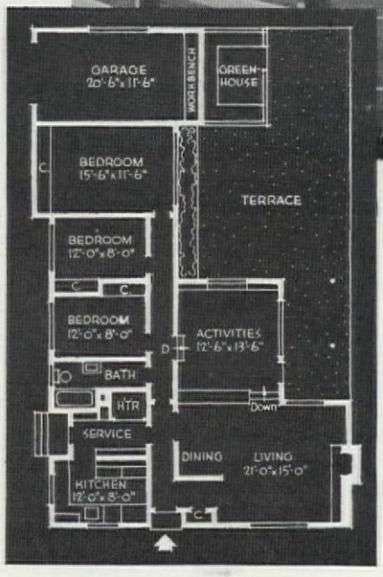
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Pale yellow walls and gay turquoise doors announce that there's nothing commonplace about this small house designed for an architect's family

Small House with a Big Heart

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The home an architect creates for himself is bound to make you sit up and take notice, for it's sure to illustrate both his ideals about a better setting for living, and his ideas about the most practical way of achieving them. This one, near Seattle, belongs to architect Louis Schafer, who feels that too many houses are designed for adults only. When he built for his own family, he kept his young Susan and Janet very much in mind—this house provides adults and youngsters with worlds of space in which to live and grow up.

To accomplish so much in a small area (the house itself occupies only about 1200 square feet) required some unorthodox thinking, and the floor plan shows you the directions it took. On one side, there are three rooms for sleeping—on the other, two good rooms for living open onto a spacious covered terrace which faces the garden. That terrace nests between the greenhouse and the activities room to become the good recreation heart of the house.

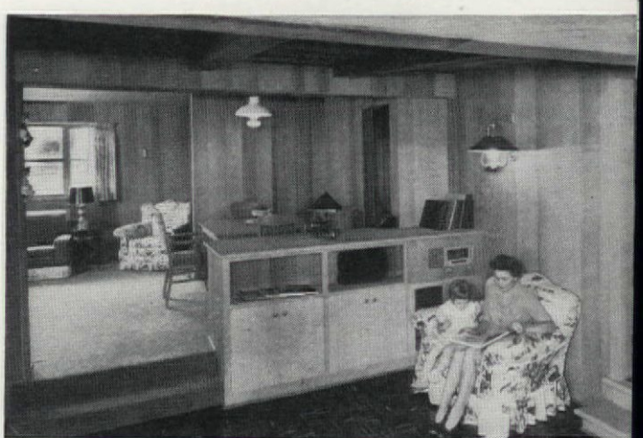
Those two living rooms left no space for a separate dining room, and you wouldn't need one here, for the living room's dining area, far from the sofas, is near to the kitchen—and it is wisely shielded from the front door by two walls. Breakfast and lunch are served in the kitchen's roomy snack bar.

The long and narrow U-shaped plan incorporates some big-house ideas, for

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The terrace is the house's recreation center, flanked by the activities room on one side, the greenhouse on the other



Filled with music and geared for play, activities room may be entered from the living room, the bedroom hall, or the terrace



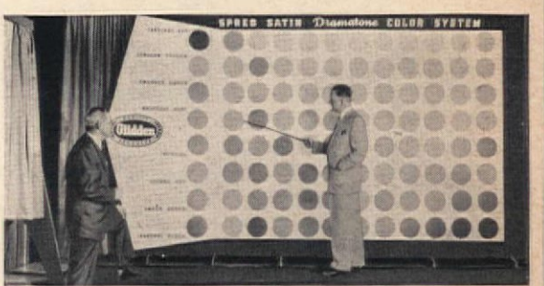
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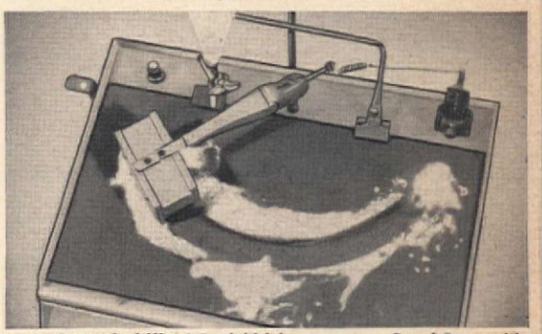
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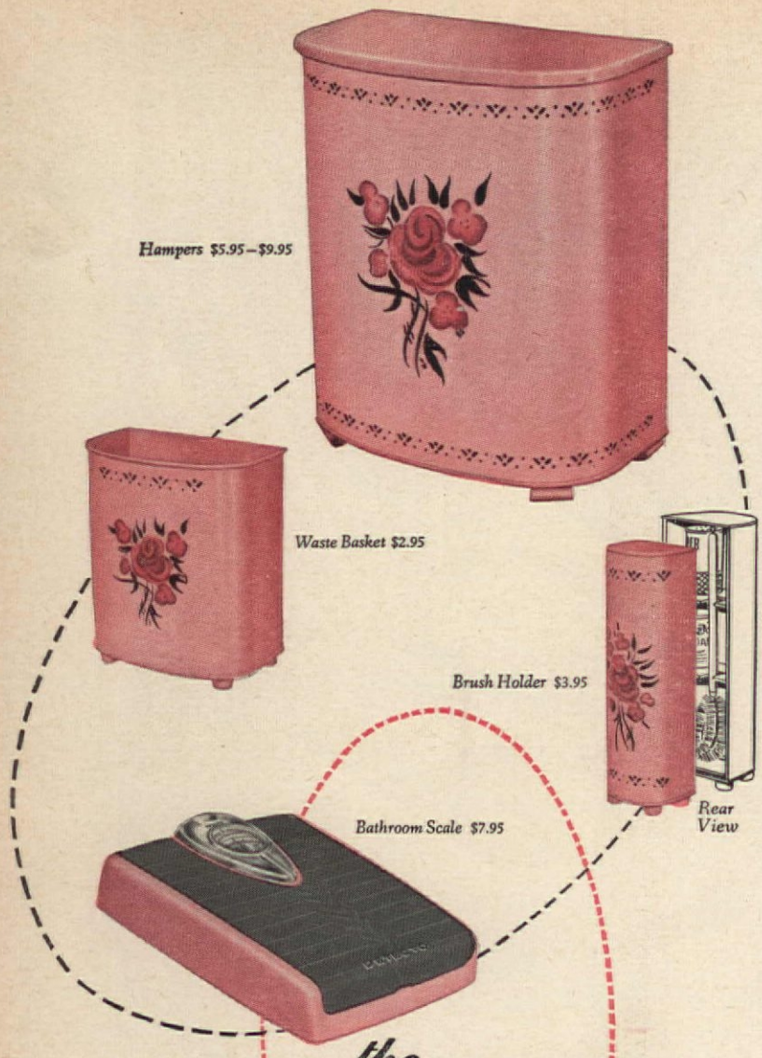
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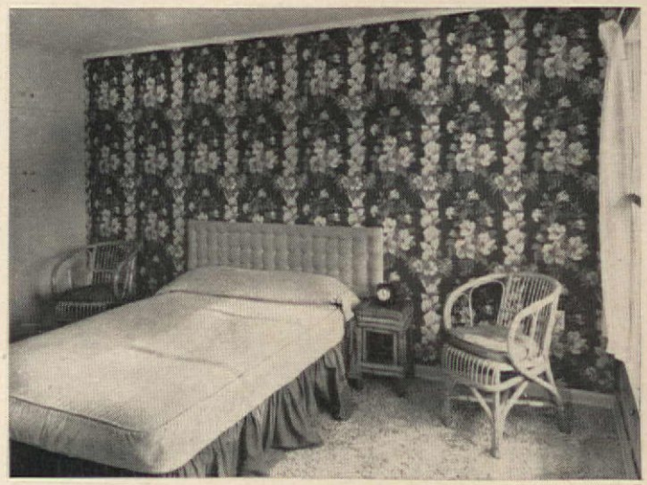
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More formal than activities room, living room is still easy and casual with cedar walls, ample fireplace, and two large sofas. Ancient dining-room set in forground was smartly refinished, rubbed down with white paint, and its chairs pertly upholstered



Master bedroom has a storage wall on one side, a window wall facing the terrace on the other. The flowered wallpaper and the rattan furniture add to the fine outdoors-indoors flavor



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it not only divides the house into distinct areas, but it also turns that big terrace into a really usable outdoor "room" for lounging, dining, and a tyke's happy playing many months of the year. The terrace is sheltered on three sides, thus making it possible for its owners to be out of doors on days when their neighbors are in; and on this corner lot, the house itself becomes a buffer between terrace and street. Adding garage and greenhouse to the length of the house made the terrace still bigger. This is not the most compact, nor the most economical kind of plan, but it does make a house of modest size behave like a much larger one.

For convenience and economy, the kitchen, pantry, heater room, and bath form a service core in one corner. Note that the kitchen is near both the front door and the service entry, and that a door shuts off the bedroom hall from the living area.

Take a good look at that activities room, for you'll be hearing more about "family" rooms from now on. Even in small houses, parents are finding ways to provide such a room—one where youngsters can entertain, and where grownups can take it easy with their hobbies. This one, two steps down from the living room, is ideally located, for it adds to the living room's sweep, its big windows make it almost part of the garden, and you can enter it either from the living room, or from the bedroom hall or the terrace. It was designed for the energetic activities of youngsters and their pals, and endowed not only with a linoleum-tile floor which laughs at hard wear, but with such entertaining specialties as a built-in radio-phonograph and a piano. Bookcases and cupboards for toys are logical here.

Simple and clean-cut in line, there is nothing commonplace about the exterior of this house, for its pale yellow walls, accented by gay turquoise doors, announce that there's good news inside. On the interior, warm-toned cedar paneling makes the walls of the living areas attractive as well as practical—it's a perfect foil for the gay chintz of a living room designed for informal suburban living.

The three bedrooms aren't large, but what they lack in size, they more than make up for in color and in the feeling of well-being they give you. Four-foot-high paneling in the girls' rooms defies finger smudges, but leaves room for the good cheer of gay wallpaper. Large closets look ahead to the time when they must harbor young ladies' wardrobes. The master bedroom, trim enough for the master, feminine enough for the mistress, has a large window on the terrace so that it, too, becomes a part of the good heart of this house designed for easy family living.



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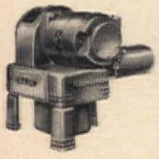




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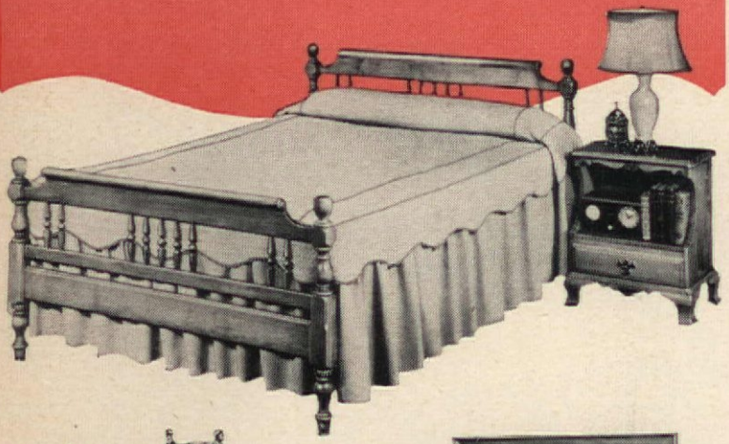
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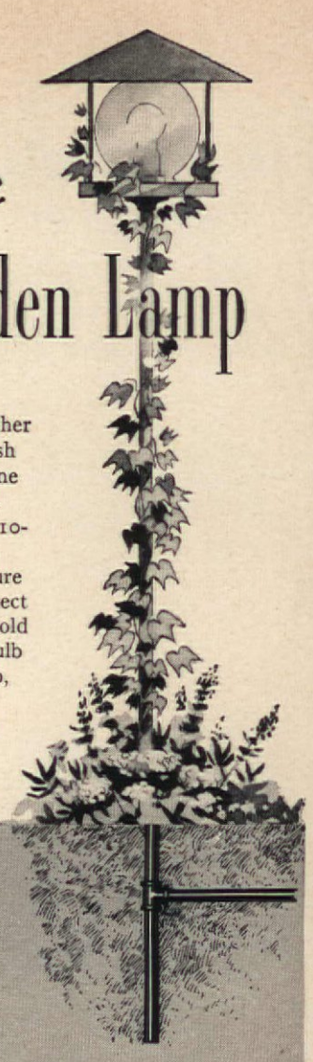
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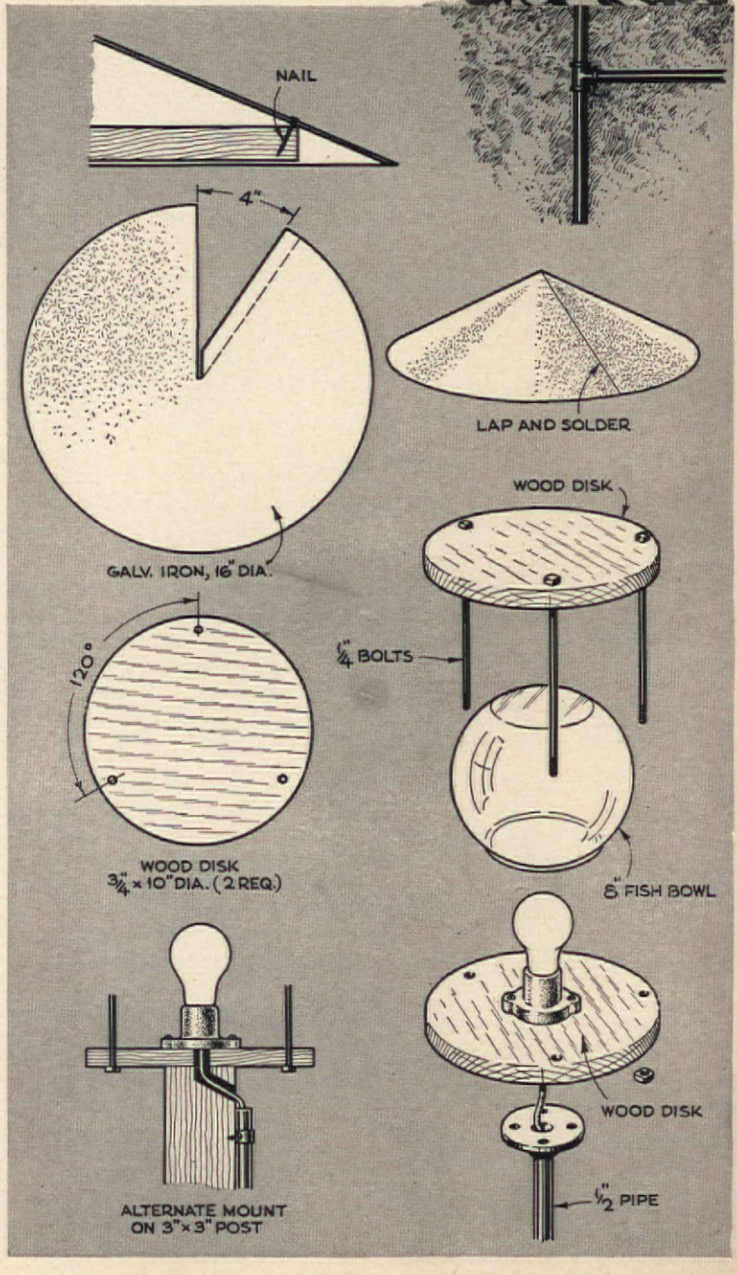
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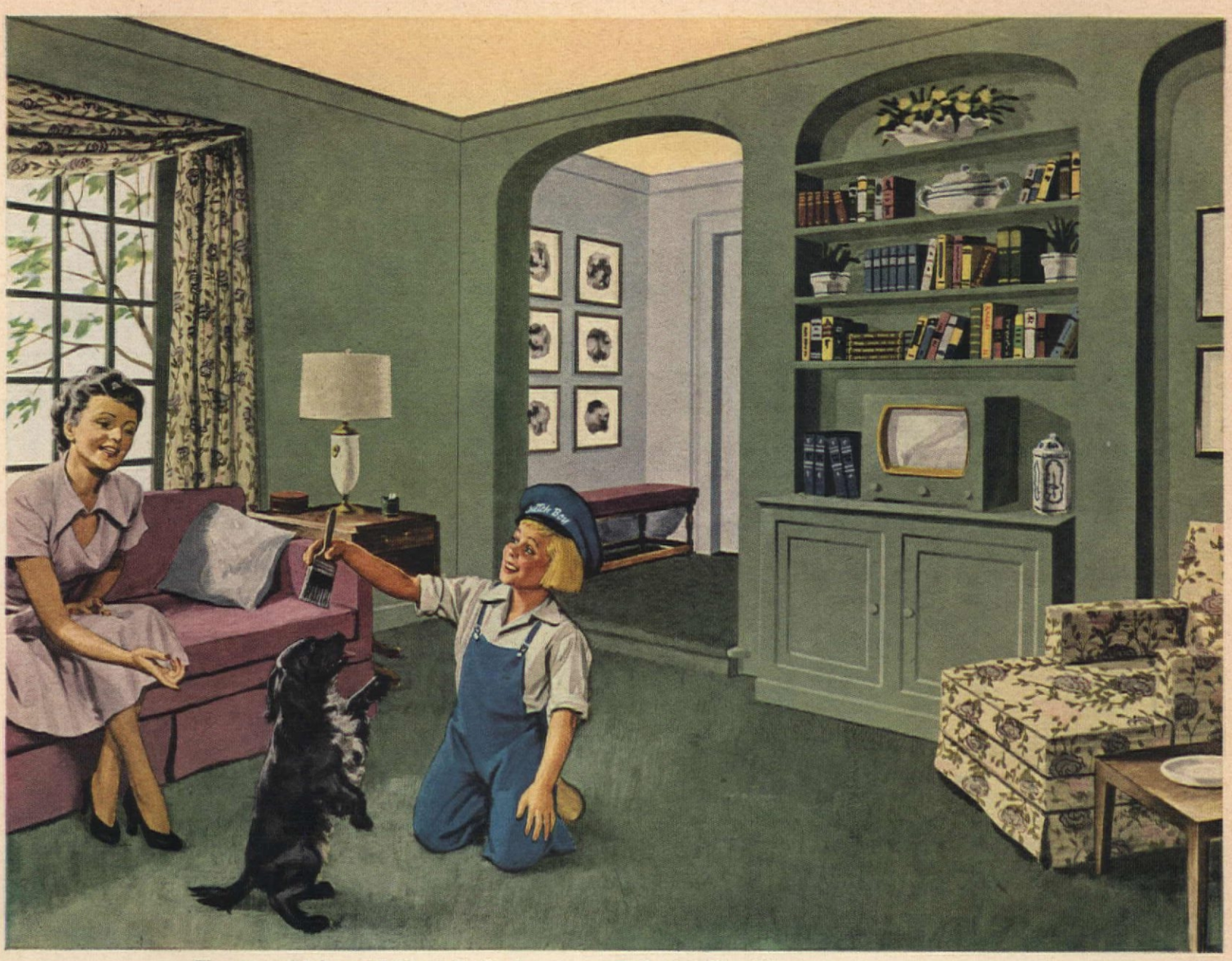
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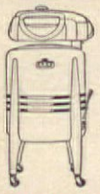
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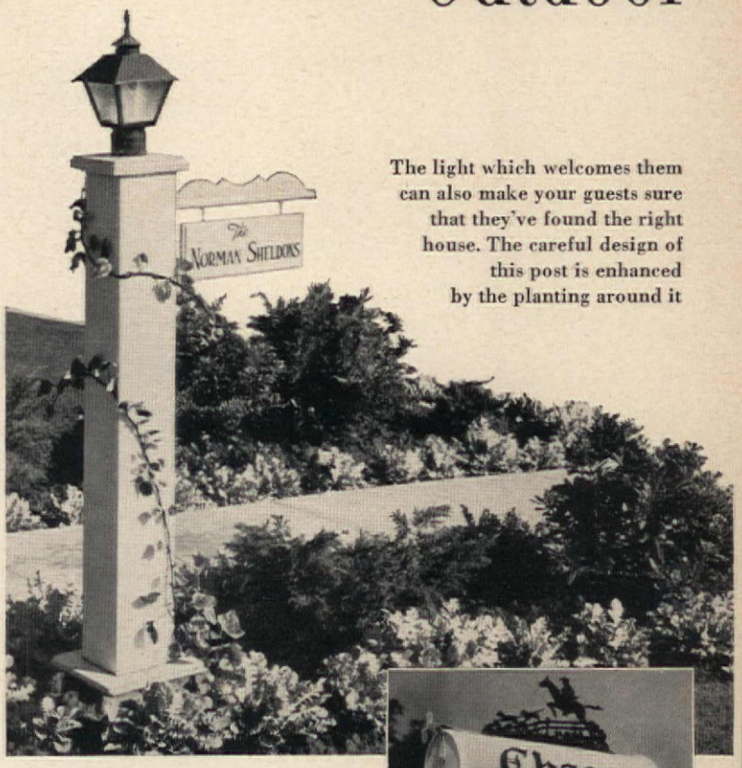


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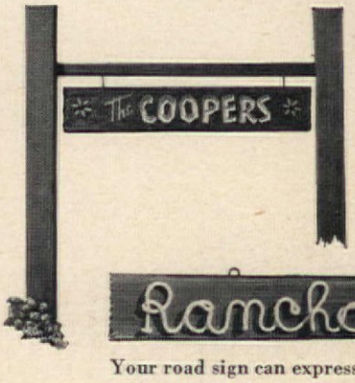
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The light which welcomes them can also make your guests sure that they've found the right house. The careful design of this post is enhanced by the planting around it



If your mailbox identifies your house, be sure to display house number prominently. A decorative pun on your name, such as the fox hunter here, can be fun

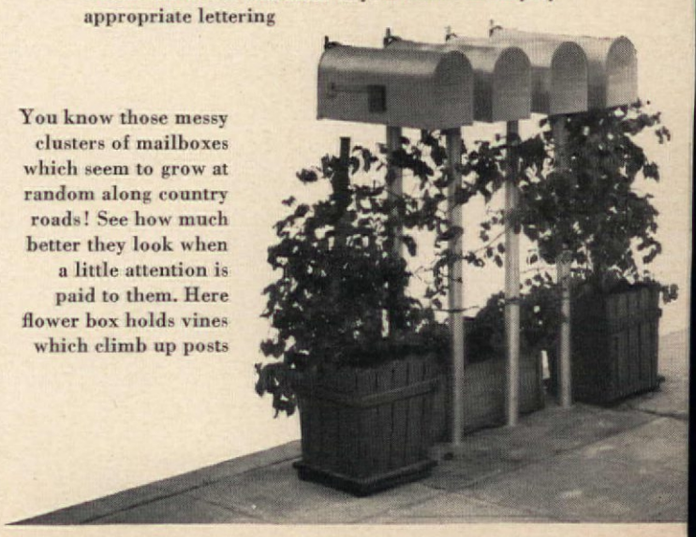


A visible road sign says "howdy" to your guests at your gate and keeps them from turning in at the wrong driveway



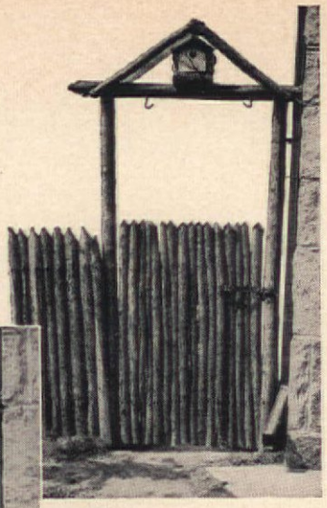
Your road sign can express your own personality and reflect the whole character of your home merely by appropriate lettering

You know those messy clusters of mailboxes which seem to grow at random along country roads! See how much better they look when a little attention is paid to them. Here flower box holds vines which climb up posts



Ideas

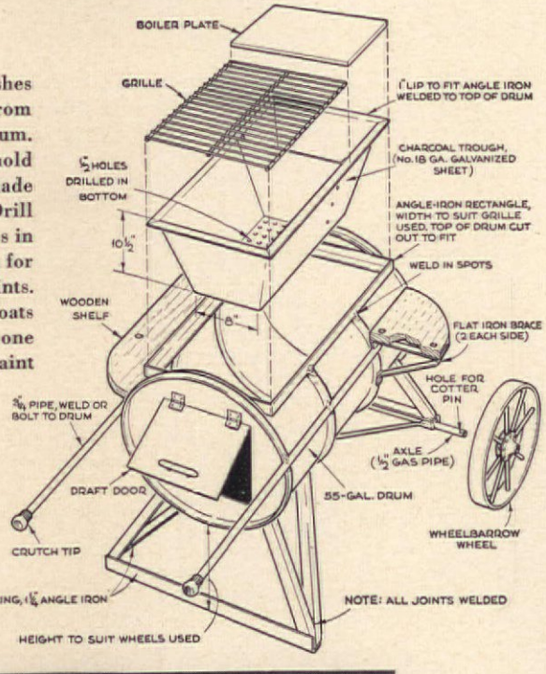
This cedar-paling gate can be a swing after school hours. It cost $8 to build





Two 9½-ft. posts were set 3 ft. deep. Hinged gate, 4 ft. high, 3 wide, has hook closing. Cross piece—iron pipe masked by cedar strips—holds hooks to support swing. Seat is made of old box top; "ropes" are old parachute harness

This barbecue's ashes can't leak. Make from 55-gal. metal drum. Cut drum top to hold charcoal trough made of sheet iron. Drill six ¼-in. holes in drum bottom for drainage. Weld joints. Finish with two coats red lead primer, one coat aluminum paint





See "Where Credit Is Due" on page 140



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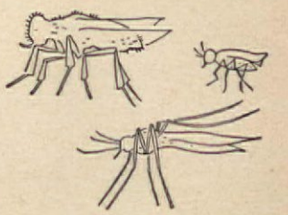
Screen Test

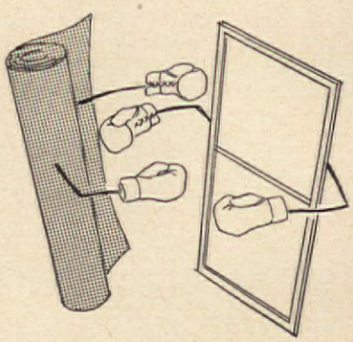
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Bugs are smarter than they look, so be sure all windows and doors in your house are screened. Now's the time to get new ones and repair your old ones. Galvanized iron, bronze, aluminum, and plastic will all do a good job if they fit well and are well treated. Remember that dirty screening stains the outside walls of your house, so keep your screens clean. To prevent rusting, iron screening should be painted each year with screen enamel, while bronze screening should be coated with spar varnish or painted to prevent it from staining the woodwork. Make sure that screen paint is thin so it won't clog the openings, and try applying it with a piece of old carpeting instead of a brush. Black paint increases visibility through a screen while light paint decreases it. While you're checking, seal cracks with caulking compound or caulking tape.

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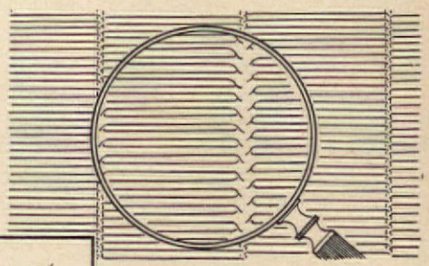
Insects come in many sizes. In the south or near the seashore, use 18 x 18 mesh screening. For other parts of the country, the wider 18 x 14 mesh will do

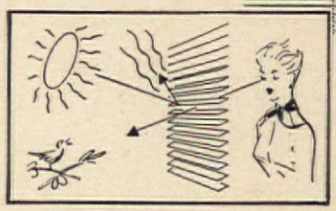




Metals don't always get along with each other and this can mean having to make constant repairs. You can avoid this worry if you always use the same metal for screening, metal frames, and fasteners

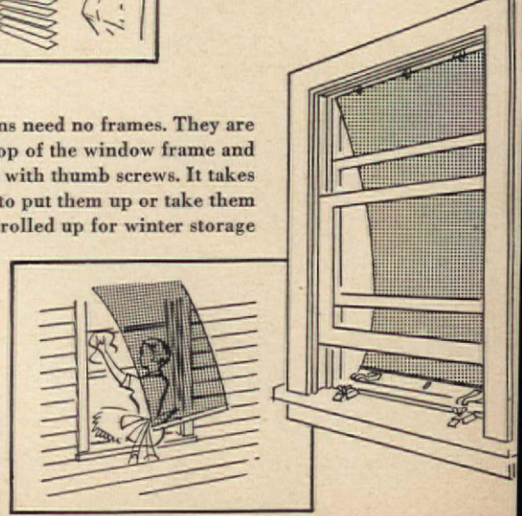
Louvered or vent screening stamped out of solid sheets of metal, keep out insects and also make the house cooler by keeping out the sun's rays





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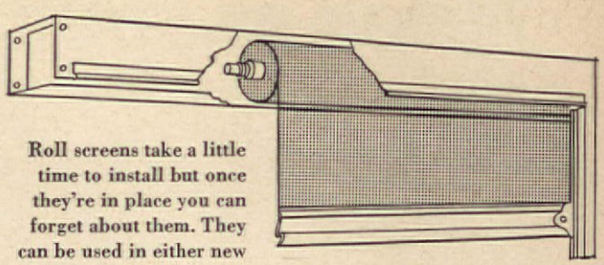
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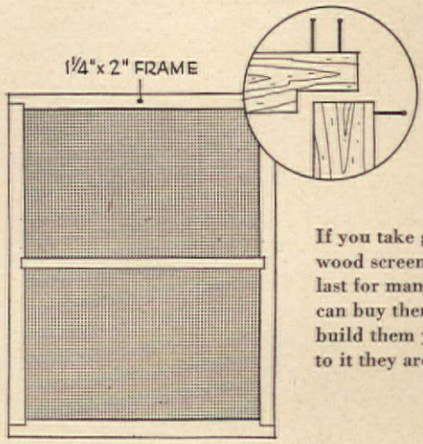
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Screen Test (Begins on page 120)

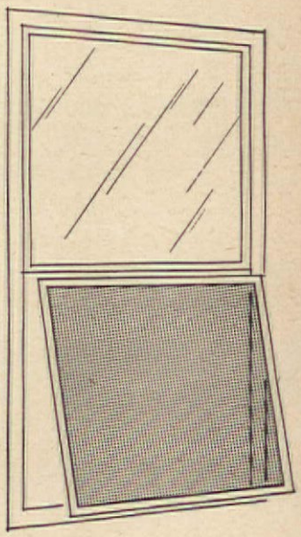


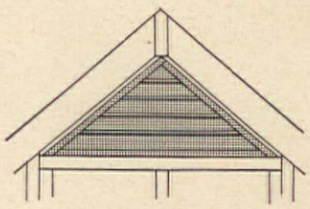
Roll screens take a little time to install but once they're in place you can forget about them. They can be used in either new or old window frames



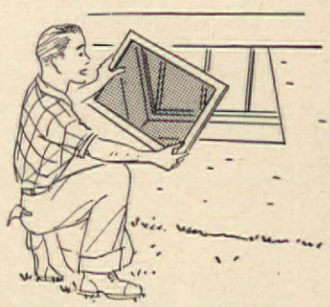
If you take good care of wood screen frames they'll last for many years. You can buy them ready-made or build them yourself. See to it they are kept painted

Combination screen and storm sashes are fine if you need year 'round protection. Units are compact and easy to handle whether they are the removable or sliding variety



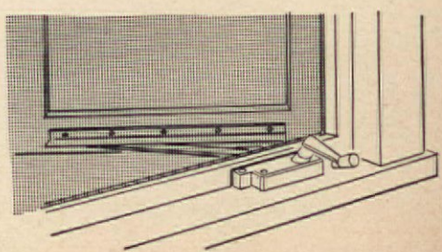


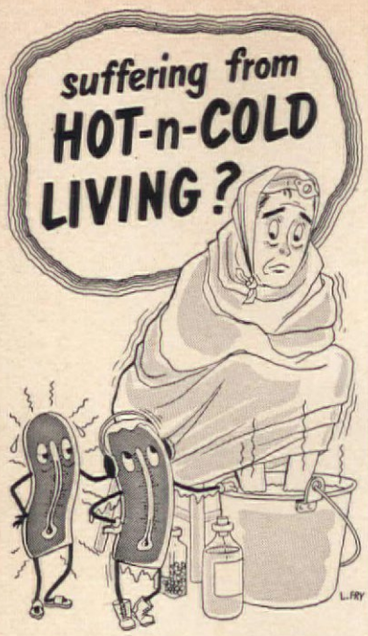
If you want to keep insects and rodents out of the attic, cover the attic louver with screening. Apply it from the inside and have it fit tight



Basement windows need screens just as much as the others. Windows that swing in should be sceened from the outside

Casement sashes swing out and so the screen must go on the inside. Carefully notch out the base of the frame in order to fit over the sash adjustor





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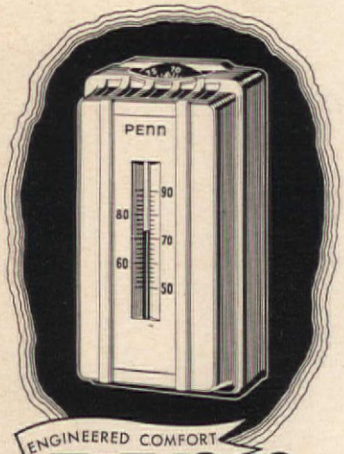
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A burst water pipe, a sputtering, spark-hurling short circuit, a seemly untraceable gas leak—catastrophes like these don't happen often, but when they do, you've got to act fast. Unleashed, gas, water, and electricity can cause serious damage.

Do you know where to find, and how to work, the valves and switches that keep these titans in bounds? A few minutes' exploration *right now* may help you when seconds count.

GAS, supplied by a main buried in the street, enters your home through the basement wall nearest the street. Your meter and shut-off valve are located here. Keep a wrench handy in case the valve is hard to turn.

ELECTRICITY, whether it comes to you in overhead or underground cables, is usually controlled by a master switch in the basement wall, again nearest the point of entrance of the supply. Your meter and fuse box are located with it. Put a diagram in the fuse box indicating which fuse covers which circuit, and what amperage fuse should replace blow-outs.

WATER also comes in from a street main. Its shut-off valve, in the foundation wall nearest the street, may require a wrench. Local control valves can be found in many houses at the foot of each riser pipe—the pipes carrying your water supply from floor to floor. Tubs, sinks, and other plumbing fixtures usually have valves on their hot- and cold-water supply pipes—these are handy for changing washers or repairing leaks in the fixture without cutting off the whole water supply. Try these valves occasionally to be sure they don't stick.

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Tags on all valves and switches, and a master plan tacked up on the basement or kitchen door, will aid anyone present in an emergency. Be sure that each member of the household knows how to use the first-aid kit in the medicine cabinet and the fire extinguishers which should be located at strategic points. Keep a list near the phone of police, fire, and utility companies.

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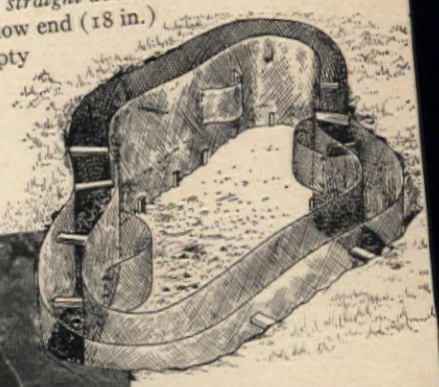
The finished pond, with informal edging of flat stones, is filled with water and left to "cure" a few days before fish and plants are added

How to Build a Fish Pond

JAMES W. FRASER

Building a fish pond is fun, especially when you design it yourself. First, choose a location to provide partial sunlight for the fish, proper drainage, and a bit of beauty for your garden. In my pond (which is informal in both shape and construction) there are some departures from accepted ideas, and they will help you get the effects you want with less work and expense than you would expect. Second, trace the desired outline of the pond on the ground with garden hose or heavy rope; either will take graceful curves for you to follow when you start excavating. Be sure to dig the sides *straight down*. Allow for a deep end (say, 24 in.) and a shallow end (18 in.) to facilitate draining when you empty the pond. (These depths do not include the 6-in. floor of pond.) If the ground slopes away from the pond, you can empty

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Novel labor- and money-saving trick is use of "stuccoed" wire lath instead of wooden forms. Above, lath is braced in place, with plant pockets wired to it. Left, it has been plastered with cement



With wall poured between forms, earth leveled, stone edging partly placed, pond is ready for water. These views are in opposite direction from one above title

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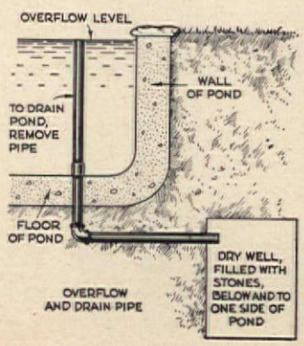
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it with a hose and simple suction; otherwise, you must install a drain, (see below) before pouring cement.

The third step (my way) does away with temporary wooden forms by using metal lath. This is pliable, strong, durable, and inexpensive; it becomes part of the pond wall, giving it added strength—and saving you work. Cut strips of it to form the outside and inside of your pond wall; if you have to use several pieces, fasten together with metal clips or wire. Trim bottom of each strip to fit slope of pond bottom so the top, when strip is in place, will be level, just above ground line. Allow about 6 in. between strips for the wall, and brace them in place wherever necessary with wood blocks. Secure lath at bottom by nailing it to wooden pegs. Baskets for aquatic plants can be made of small pieces of lath and wired to the inner form.

Now mix plastic (waterproof) cement (1 part), sand (2 parts), and water to a putty-like consistency and apply ½-in. thick to the pond side of each lath form, coating them to within 5 in. of the bottom. Cover from the sun for a few days while the cement sets, sprinkling it daily. Then remove anchor pegs and, if necessary, strengthen inner form with a few wooden cross braces.

Mix dry cement (1 part), sand (2 parts), gravel (3 parts) and add water to give a soft, not soupy, mixture. A pail is a good measure. A pond 6 by 3 by 2 ft. will need 5 bags of cement, and 1½ yards each of sand and gravel. Wet the forms well and pour, first the floor, then the walls. To give more strength, waste scraps of lath can be embedded as you go. Try to do the whole pouring job in one day, tamping the cement frequently to force out air bubbles and make a stronger bond with the forms. Let cement set, wetting it daily and covering it in between. The second day you can fill holes and smooth over sharp edges by giving it a brushed-on coat of neat cement of paint consistency. Consult an aquarium supply dealer about letting it "cure" before putting in fish, snails, and, especially, plants.



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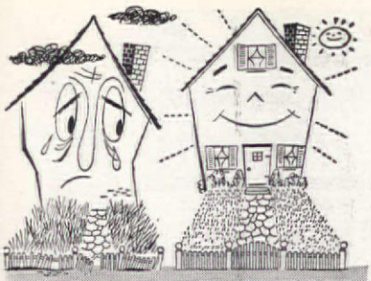
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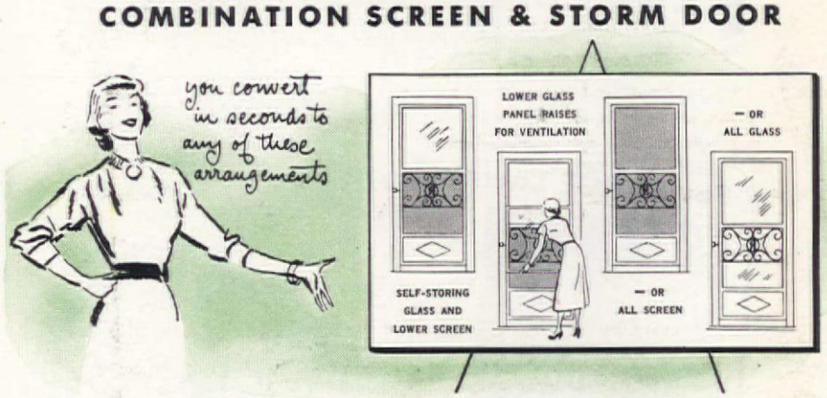
This may not be easy, because of the wealth of available material. At the Arnold Arboretum in Massachusetts, a ground-cover demonstration plot was planted in 1950 with sixty different kinds of plants. And a Florida Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin (No. 364) describes in detail some 40 species and briefly mentions about 100 more, all of them suitable for conditions in that state and other parts of the South. Some of them, of course, are also useful in the North. Among these are wintercreeper (*Euonymus radicans* or, in modern terminology, *E. fortunei*), with its oval, shining, whitish-veined leaves; the lilyturfs (*Liriope spicata* and *Ophiopogon* or *Mondo japonica*), with grass-like foliage and spikes of white to purple flowers followed by blue-black berries, both noteworthy for their ability to withstand heat, drought, shade, poor soil, and even salt spray; Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica halliana*), an excellent, quick-growing, evergreen vine *when kept in its place;* partridgeberry (*Mitchella repens*), especially adapted for shady places where the soil is acid and there is plenty of humus and moisture; and the ubiquitous periwinkle or running-myrtle (*Vinca minor*), which generously supplements its small, glossy, persistent leaves with cheerful violet-blue flowers from early spring over a long season. One of the bugles (*Ajuga genevensis*) is also recommended for the South, but in the North another species (*A. repens*) is more common; both have dark green, evergreen leaves that hug the ground and above which rise, in summer, little steeples of bluish flowers.

Other of the good ground covers for warm places are familiar to northern gardeners but only as summer annuals or house plants. Among these are the fine-leaved asparagus-fern (*Asparagus sprengeri*) often included by florists in cut-flower orders; the showy South American cigar-flower (Cuphea); trailing fig (*Ficus radicans*) and its hardier but less easily grown relative, the climbing fig (*F. pumila*) often seen spreading over the walls of greenhouses and conservatories; forms of fig-marigold (Mesembryanthemum) which is so important in California as a sand-binder on slopes along the coast; trailing lantana (*L. sellowiana*), which also adds brilliance to Pacific coast landscapes with its blankets of pinkish-lilac blossoms; Peperomia, the popular round-leaved succulent for window collections and decorative containers; the quaint explosive artillery-plant (*Pilea microphylla*); the old fashioned straw-

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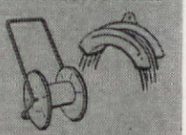


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berry-begonia (*Saxifraga sarmentosa*) a number of the Selaginella ferns, and the familiar, foolproof, decorative foliage plant, wandering-jew (*Zebrina pendula*).

And yet, even for more rugged localities where the problems of shade or hot sun, dry soil, and tree root competition are supplemented by freezing temperatures, there is a good selection of sturdy, reliable materials. Consider just a few of them:

For dry, sunny banks and other exposed places. Creeping phlox or moss-pink (*Phlox subulata*) spreads a soft carpet of pink, lavender, or magenta flowers in early spring, and of low, thick foliage the rest of the summer. Perennial alyssum (*A. saxatile compactum*) is another early bloomer in clear yellow tones. Halls honeysuckle, already mentioned, will stand full sun as well as partial shade. Bearberry (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*) also has wide tolerance, being found in wooded areas as well as embroidering huge patterns across sand dunes along the ocean. The shrubby cotoneasters and any of the prostrate junipers, when once established, make a thick and permanent cover. The woolly textured pussy-toes or everlastings (*Antennaria plantaginifolia*), several species of thyme (Thymus), and the familiar stonecrop (*Sedum acre*) are all useful under such conditions; the last-named, often seen in rock gardens, is hardy even in Central New York, will take the hottest summer weather in its stride, and bears tiny yellow flowers in profusion in June. To start a planting, simply chop some stems into small pieces and broadcast them over loose prepared soil, preferably just before a summer rain. Of course, it may start to spread beyond the limits for which it was planned. but if so it is easily cut back—and the trimmings can be planted elsewhere.

For shady banks. Here wall fern (*Polypodium vulgare*) and ebony spleenwort (*Asplenium platyneurum*) are fully at home. Also goutweed (Aegopodium) and the shrub yellow-root (Xanthorrhiza) with its finely divided leaves—which, however, are not evergreen. Shinleaf (Pyrola), twinflower (*Linnea borealis*), and princess-pine are all evergreen and especially well suited for cool, dark woodland nooks where the soil is acid, and is left undisturbed.

Along the shore. Here, where shifting sand, excessive drainage, and often salt air or spray are especially unfavorable for the usual lawn grasses, the coarse, tough beach grass (*Ammophila arenaria*) is a valiant, if not especially handsome, servant. Divisions of old plants need only be thrust into the ground every ten inches or so apart and they will take hold and soon send out runners. Beach-pea (*Lathyrus maritima*), which resem-

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bles vetch, is a good companion for it, as is bear-grass or turkey-beard (Xeraphyllum), a native of the pine barrens from New Jersey southward. And good old dusty-miller (*Artemisia stelleriana*) does yeoman service.

Few if any of the plants named above can properly be called "grass substitutes," for while they do cover the soil, prevent its washing or blowing, and improve the landscape, they cannot be freely walked on or kept to a low, sod-like level. If such an effect is wanted, best experiment with pearlwort (*Sagina subulata*), an evergreen, mat-like member of the Carnation Family, with abundant small white or yellow flowers; Mazus reptans, frequently seen in rock gardens, and Dichondra repens, whose dense low growth resembles that of white clover, and which appears to be gaining in popularity both in California and along the Gulf Coast. Then there are the rather recently promoted forms of Zoysia, some of them hardy enough to survive in lower New England, although they remain straw-yellow from the first frost of fall until mild weather returns in spring. However, they are really grasses, and if you can grow *them*, you don't need ground covers.

Any good ground cover (as distinguished from a cultivated ornamental) should be tough, adaptable to less than perfect soil, moisture, and light conditions, resistant to cold, heat, drought, and enemies, tolerant of shearing when necessary and to some foot traffic, and able to cover a designated area quickly and permanently. But, while it should not need coddling, it does, as a plant, deserve some attention, especially while it is getting established. You may have to water it occasionally during the first season or two. An early spring application of a plant food fairly high in nitrogen is a good investment, since the soil cannot be periodically stirred and enriched as in a garden. Top-dressing with compost, enriched humus, or a dried or well-rotted manure will help. And clipping back at times will encourage dense growth while preventing a ragged appearance.

When a ground cover planting can be started from seed, the soil should be well prepared as for any crop; under trees, masses of feeding roots should be dug out even though they will probably come back in time. But where divisions, cuttings, or young plants are set out, they are best planted in pockets of good soil dug so as not to disturb the surrounding grass, weeds, or whatever. This is especially necessary on slopes to prevent soil washing. As the plants grow and spread, they will crowd out or shade out the unwanted vegetation.

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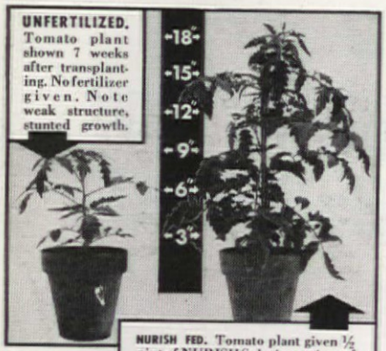


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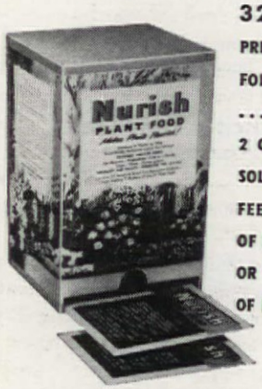
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Malus (Many species and varieties) Apple (including Crabs)	Small to large. Round, upright, dense. Hardy, wide range
Melaleuca leucadendron Cajeput-tree	Med. (40 ft.) Upright, graceful. Tender, salt-resistant. Zone 10
Melia azedarach Chinaberry	Med. (45 ft.) Spreading, dense. Tender. Zone 7. Heat-resistant
Oxydendron arboreum Sorrel-tree, Sourwood	Large (to 75 ft.) Pyramidal, especially when young. Hardy. Zone 4
Paulownia tomentosa Empress-tree	Large (to 50 ft.) Rounded, open head. Hardy. Zone 5
Poncirus trifoliata Hardy-orange	Med. (to 35 ft.) Open, irregular, thorny. Half-hardy. Zones 5, 6
Prunus (Many species and varieties) Stone fruits (peaches, etc.)	Small to med. Rounded, upright, branching, varies. Zones 3–6
Pterostyrax hispida Epaulette-tree	Med. (to 45 ft.) Upright, spreading. Hardy. Zone 5
Pyrus species Pear	Med. (to 50 ft.) Upright, pyramidal, branching. Hardy. Zones 4, 5
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Sophora japonica Japanese Pagoda-tree	Large (to 75 ft.) Wide, open, branching. Hardy. Zone 4
Sorbus aucuparia Mountain-ash, Rowan-tree	Med. (to 45 ft.) Rounded, dense. Hardy. Zones 2 to 5
Stenolobium stans Florida Yellow-trumpet	Small (to 20 ft.) Shrubby. Tender. Zone 10
Stewartia koreana Korean Stewartia	Med. (to 45 ft.) Densely pyramidal. Hardy. Zone 5
Styrax japonica Japanese Snowbell	Med. (to 30 ft.) Branching, wide-spreading. Hardy. Zone 5

ZONE KEY (Gives av. an. min. temp. deg. F.): Zone 3, –35 to –20; 4, –20 to –10; 5, –10 to –5; 6, –5 to 5; 7, 5 to 10; 8, 10 to 20; 9, 20 to 30; 10, 30 to 40

Flowering Trees (Begins on page 34)

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FLOWERS: COLOR, SEASON (See Key, bottom of page)	OTHER FEATURES — NOTES
Y light to golden. Fluffy spikes, balls. Jan. to Jul.	Quick-growing, short-lived Australians. Foliage graceful, finely cut, gray-green
P Pompon- or brushlike. Late spring, summer	Graceful, finely compound leaves; thin pea-like pods. Does well on poor soils
W Small in loose racemes. Late April into May	Good autumn color; attractive fruits. A familiar swamp shrub, good for gardens
W Small, in tall loose spikes. August	Large compound leaves; pink-tinged flowers. Thorny stems; spreads by runners
W Small but numerous. Fall to December	Shiny evergreen leaves. Orange-red strawberry-like fruits. Bark cracks lined red
R Long spikes, brushlike stamens. Feb.–July	Leaves 3 in. long, evergreen. Suitable for dry soils, but best against other trees
Rosy-Pu Pealike, densely against stems. May	Common in eastern woodlands; good with dogwood. Fall foliage attractive yellow
W Loose, feathery panicles; abundant. Early summer	Graceful, slender tree. Effective in bloom. Blue fruits; yellow fall color
Flws small Y; surrounding bracts W, R. Apr. to June	Highly popular, useful. Handsome in flower; red fruits; good fall color
Mostly W, some red. Dense flat clusters. Spring	Many species, varieties; bright small fruits; brilliant fall foliage. Effective, valuable
W bracts about ball of Y stamens. Mid-May	Chinese tree, not common. Striking long bract suggests dove. Slow-growing
W small, in terminal clusters. Continuous	Australian tree popular on West Coast. Glossy red-tinged foliage. Pu fruits
W with Y centers. Sept. to frost	Valuable for late bloom and brilliant fall foliage color. Needs plenty of moisture
W Drooping clusters along stems. May	Pretty bell-shaped flowers, followed by winged pods. Yellow fall foliage color
B Abundant, 2 in. long. Early summer	Delicate fernlike foliage, good form, bright blossoms. Popular in South, West
Y Large showy clusters. Early summer	Brown inflated seed pods. Compound leaves rather coarse. Drought resistant
Y Pealike, in long hanging clusters. Late May	Profuse display of bloom and hardiness are its strong points
Bright P and R. In large masses. Midsummer	Hardy to Maryland; good foliage; stands hard pruning; spectacular
W mostly, some ranging to Pu. Early spring to sum.	Vary from bushy, early Star Magnolia to vast Cucumber-tree with 2 ft. blooms
W, P, R Single and double. Spring	Wide range in tree form, flower effects, size and color of fruits, etc.
Creamy W Spikes like Bottlebrush. June to fall	Pale green evergreen foliage; thick, soft, loose bark. Likes moist soil. South, West
L Clusters; fragrant. April–May	Easily grown, dense-headed shade tree. Yellow berries. Good in heat, dry soil
W Small, drooping clusters. Mid-July to Aug.	Shining, leathery foliage; brilliant red in fall. Persistent fruit pods. Fine tree
L-Pu Large upright clusters. Mid-May	Resembles horse-chestnut in habit; quick-growing. Sprouts from cut stump
W Fragrant, 2 in. across. Late April	Glossy foliage (evergreen in South) and small (inedible) fruits. Good hedge
W, P, R Single, double, various. Spring	Many valuable forms. Doubles bear no fruits; handsome foliage colors
W creamy. Drooping clusters. Fragrant. June	Uncommon Japanese tree. Clean, graceful, and attractive in flower
W In clusters; some buds pink-tinged. May	Orchard kinds serve double purpose; others bear inedible fruit. Subject to fire blight
W Pealike in drooping clusters, fragrant. June	Tall, erect; thorny and unarmed kinds; dry slender pods. Borers may be a problem
W Pealike; large clusters upright. August	Good round-headed shade tree blooming when few others do. Locust-like leaves
W Small flat clusters 5 in. across. May–June	Graceful, rounded, clean tree. Bright red fruit clusters; good fall foliage color
Y Clusters of 2 in. bell-shaped blooms. Fall	Related to the trumpet-vine. Long pods follow effective brightly hued flowers
W Cup-shaped, yellow centers. July	Resembles Franklinia but blooms earlier, not so long. Good fall color; sheds bark
W Small, bell-shaped in drooping clusters. June	Good, spreading, shrubby tree. Handsome foliage that does not hide flowers

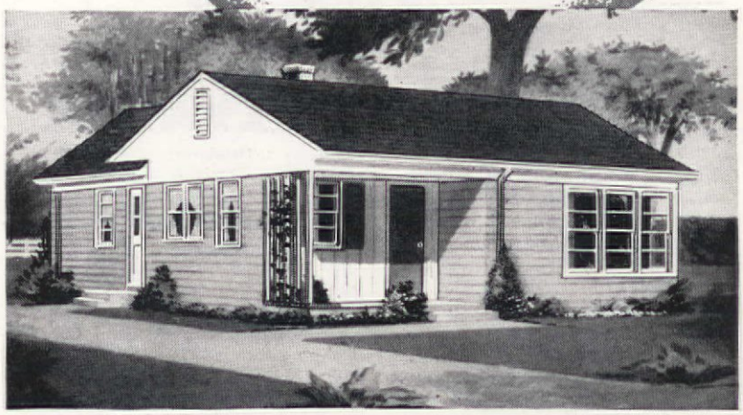
KEY TO FLOWER AND FRUIT COLORS: W—white; Y—yellow; O—orange; P—pink; R—red; B—blue; L—lavender; Pu—purple



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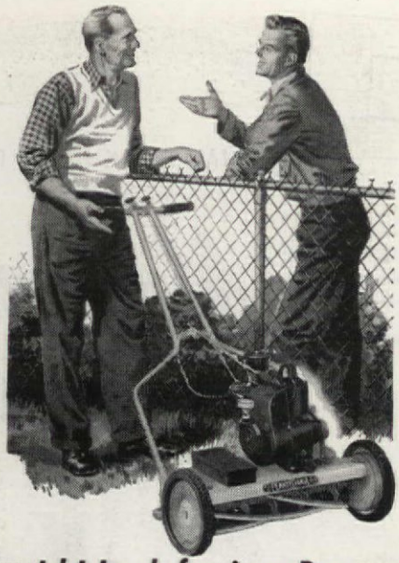
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Flowering Trees

(Begins on page 34)

materials from regular nursery sources (meaning, of course, the reputable and reliable ones); and, on the whole, they are just as easy to grow.

Because they have so much in their favor, it is all the more advisable to keep in mind four warnings that might prevent your enthusiasm from running away with your judgment.

1. Because any tree tends to dominate and set the key for a garden design, use restraint and taste in selecting and placing every one.

2. Flowering trees are essentially specimens, accents. Too many used in a garden can duplicate the effect of too much jewelry, or of a meal composed of several desserts.

3. Whatever the flowering season of a tree, it is relatively short in most cases; so consider carefully the aspects, assets, and liabilities of each kind of tree at other seasons. In this connection, double-flowering forms (as of crab apples, cherries, etc.) usually hold their blossoms longer than those with single flowers.

4. Don't forget that some flowering trees grow large; allow them plenty of space to do themselves justice. The tulip-tree and Empress-tree are examples.

Since every garden is a problem requiring its own solution, no one set of suggestions for choosing flowering trees can be offered. But any selection, or even the consideration of candidates, should be based on all of the following factors:

Hardiness, of both plant and blossoms. Peach trees can be perfectly hardy, yet their flower buds may open so early as to be killed by a late frost.

Adaptability and requirements as to soil type, moisture and drainage, exposure, and other natural conditions.

Size at maturity; also habit of growth—whether upright, spreading, dense, open-headed, irregular, etc.

Flower effect. Color, type, and season of individual blossoms, and effect of tree or planting as a whole.

Foliage effect, especially in fall, but also throughout the year; and as to texture as well as color.

Other features, both desirable (as branch patterns, unusual bark, kind and color of fruit) and undesirable (such as untidy shedding of leaves or fruits, brittleness, short life, etc.).

The accompanying table presents information of that sort for a few of the more effective and useful flowering trees. Its use should, of course, be supplemented by the study of nursery catalogues, publications obtainable from horticultural societies and State Agricultural Experiment Stations, and standard reference books; by visits to nurseries, parks, botanical gardens, and public and private collections whenever possible; and by careful, frank analysis of your preferences, needs, and conditions.

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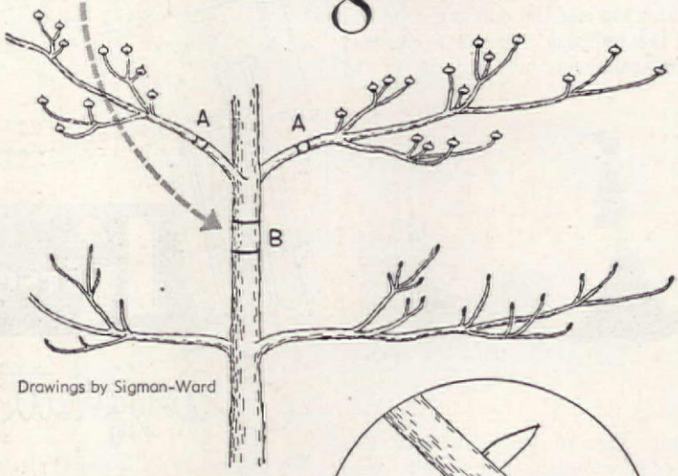
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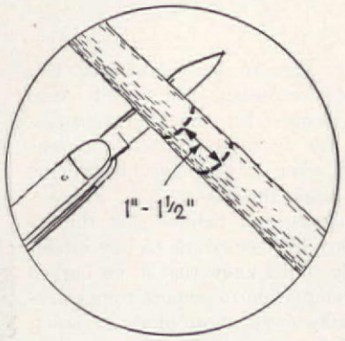
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Ring around a Dogwood!



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If a dogwood won't bloom, "ring" its stems by cutting through bark, as at right. Above, how my experiment worked—fat flower buds on stems ringed at (A), none on lower ones. If stems are under 1 in. thick, you can ring main branch (B)

JACK W. CADDICK

Would you like to do—right in your garden—some scientific research on the chance of benefiting horticulture generally and yourself, as a gardener, particularly? Have you, perhaps, a beautiful but bashful young dogwood tree that disappoints and discourages you by stubbornly refusing to flower? If so, let me tell you a story about a ring which, like those in fairy tales, seems to perform miracles. Costing nothing but a twist of the wrist, it appears, from my limited experiments, to be able to cause such a tree to bloom as radiantly as a June bride. No scientific work to back up (or disprove) my theory has been done at the institution with which I am connected, and limited funds or such projects may prevent any. But my results were so encouraging that I hope others will try their luck and report their conclusions.

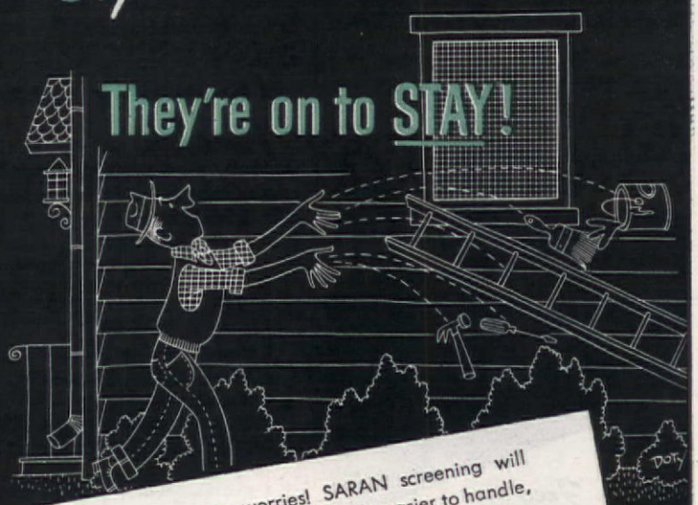
It has long been common practise to "ring" apple trees and grapevines that are reluctant to bear flowers and fruit. Why wouldn't it work with dogwood? I thought. So last June I tried it on some of the branches of each of my two trees. By fall, the branches that I had "ringed" had set 168 fat flower buds, whereas the year before they had borne two! And most of the branches that I didn't ring showed no flower buds at all this past winter.

What is "ringing"? It is merely making a cut (or two, an inch or so apart) around a stem or branch. Just press the sharp blade of a knife into the bark until it hits hard wood, then rotate it around the branch to make a continuous incision. *Do not remove any bark.* At first the cut will remain just a line; later a callus of scar tissue will grow along it, thicken, and harden. It appears that ringing should be done two or three weeks after the normal blooming time of the tree when, of course, you know which branches have flowered and which haven't. The condition of the plant seems to have some effect, for in my case one tree, which was planted in the fall of 1950 and was therefore well established, responded much better to the ringing than did the other which was planted early last spring. These and other points should be carefully studied to get at all the facts about the procedure and its possibilities. So many people have been disappointed by non-flowering dogwoods, that ringing certainly is worth trying. It can't harm a tree, and it may make it live up to its name.

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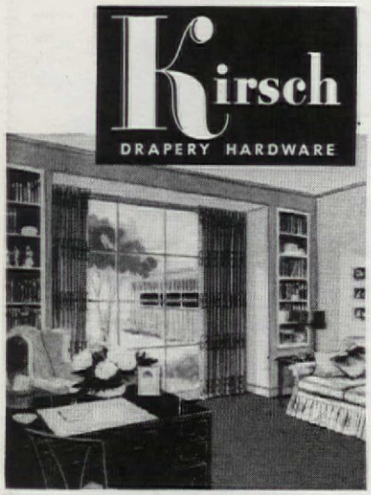
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Household Inventory (Begins on page 84)

and need, but I have the satisfaction of knowing that every purchase will be used and enjoyed. My inventory is directly responsible for this change. When I discovered that I owned six of a certain type of article, but liked and used only one or two, I made myself analyze the others to learn their shortcomings so I could avoid them in the future. I also learned that "par" for my household was two of that kind of thing, *not* six!

At Christmastime, the inventory goes right to work. After they pass the toy stage, it is sometimes difficult to pick out gifts for youngsters. But my inventory tells me what they need, what they will need in the near future—and what they don't have that they might just plain like to own. In 15 minutes I have a list three times too long, so I eliminate. The final list has always worked out perfectly, for the gifts have pleased the youngsters and they have been kind to our purse as well.

Our inventory has now been kept for 10 years, and we consider it well worth the little trouble it involves. Until we ironed out the "kinks" in the system, it *did* take time. But now, keeping it averages no more than five minutes a day.

Here's how we work it: I keep a small bulletin board in a handy spot and list everybody's new purchases on one side. On the other side, I list discarded items. When I have time, I transfer this record to my permanent loose-leaf inventory book and there it is—for the record.

Another refinement in the system which I've found helpful is the use of index cards for closets and drawers. When I clean each drawer or closet, I check its contents against the card —it's an easy way.

And I'm not the only one who's in on the indexing. There's a constant game going on, for everyone in the



family tries to spot something I've missed recording. The family uses the records for practical purposes too, for it often settles questions about when things were bought and how much they cost.

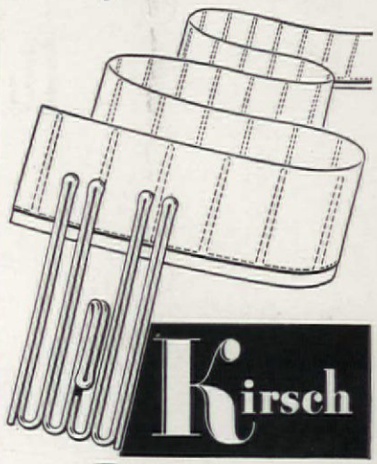
Altogether, I believe that the inventory has helped me to buy intelligently, and I know that it has curbed the temptation to acquire things haphazardly (well, most of it, anyhow).

When you make yours, you may find that you need different headings, but a good sample check list is given below. Foods, soaps and the like, of course, are not included—but an inventory of them is probably already a part of your housekeeping system.

HEADINGS FOR YOUR CHECK LIST

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Bedding (Blankets, Mattresses, Pillows)
Books (Adult)
Books (Children)
Cameras and Movie Equipment (Film, Photo Albums, etc.)
China
Curtains, Draperies
Dog Equipment
Drugs, Medical Necessities
Electrical Appliances
Electrical Supplies (Bulbs, Fuses, etc.)
Embroidery, Needlepoint
Furniture
Games, Cards (Adult)
Garden Supplies
Glassware
Holiday Gear (Christmas Tree Ornaments, Halloween Costumes, etc.)
Kitchen—Baking Equipment
Kitchen—Cleaning Equipment
Kitchen—Cooking Equipment
Lamps
Linens (Bath, Bed, Kitchen, Table)
Luggage
Miscellaneous (Door Mats, Ladders, etc.)
Musical Instruments
Ornaments (Clocks, Vases, etc.)
Outdoor Furniture, Cushions, etc.
Permanent Fixtures in House
Paintings, Pictures, Mirrors
Records (Phonograph)
Rugs and Floor Pads
Sewing Supplies, Notions
Shoe Supplies (Polish, Shoe Trees, etc.)
Silver
Sports Equipment (Fishing Tackle, Golf Gear, Skates, etc.)
Stationery and Supplies
Tools
Toys
PERSONAL
(Have a separate list for each member of the family)
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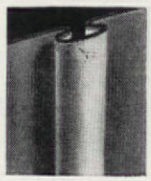
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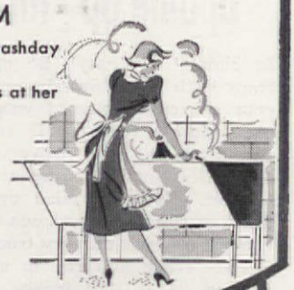
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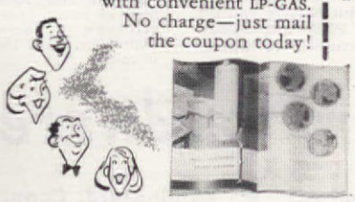
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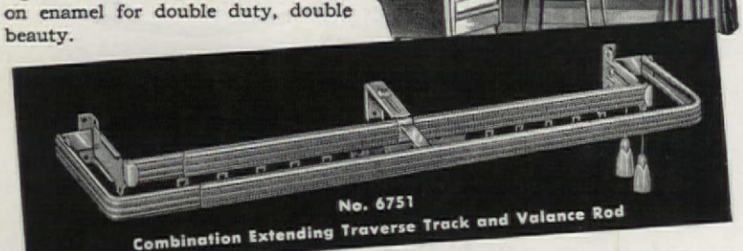
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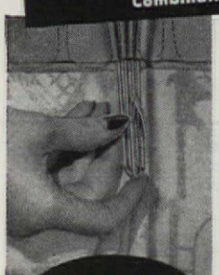
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"What do you want to do today?" I asked 5-year-old Alice, when she called with her parents one afternoon. "Give me the train puzzle, please," she answered promptly. Although she had not visited me in several months, she remembered her favorite game.

Child guests deserve the same courtesy as adults. There should always be something for them to do. A few toys for all ages are most satisfactory; I have a variety tucked away in my closets. Games challenge the older group, and I have a number of carefully selected children's books placed together in one bookcase.

An assortment of recognized educational playthings is good, but mechanical toys are not advisable as they only afford momentary amusement and do not satisfy the child's natural bent for activity. The aim of the hostess is to make the child happy, but it is also true that keeping them occupied prevents accidents and minimizes adult supervision.

One of the best ways to put a child at ease is to set the stage beforehand. My usual procedure is to clear a space for play in my living room, where I place low chairs and a few toys and books.

Winning a shy child is especially gratifying. When three-year-old Virginia arrived, she hid her face in her mother's skirt and refused to greet me. "Let her alone," I urged. "She'll feel at home after she sees the toys." A few hours later she was crying be-

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Child Guests

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cause she had to leave. I considered it my greatest compliment when she asked to come again.

Once children have been to my home, I permit them to choose what they want to do. They may even help themselves to the toys in the closet or the books on the low shelf. Because Terry calls on me so often, I keep special toilet articles for her. She has her own miniature cake of soap, her tiny nail brush, and a small comb. I always give each child a new piece of guest soap which she may either take home afterward, or leave with me if she is a frequent visitor. The small gift always delights them.

As a rule the children do not ask to take the toys or books home, but occasionally a scene occurs. It's usually subdued with my saying, "It'll be here when you come back. Meanwhile the other children can enjoy it." I always feel a bit hard-hearted, but it helps them to understand that the toys are for all the children. Of course, the children may keep whatever they make. Proudly 8-year-old Stanley carried off "to show to Dad" the cardboard airplane he had labored to make.

Naturally, entertaining children is not all clear sailing. The majority become rambunctious at times, particularly when they are confined too long in a city apartment. A walk around the block may help, or the situation may be saved if the adult joins in the games or reads. Supervision of very young children is wise, particularly with a group who are apt to squabble over toys. Unless they are watched, children may get into many kinds of mischief simply out of curiosity.

Entertaining child guests is exceedingly worth while and enjoyable if it is given some forethought. Here are a few hints to remember:

1. Have toys or puzzles on hand for all ages. Books are always popular.

2. When a child is visiting for the first time, have the toys displayed when he arrives, so he can see them from the door before he has time to think about being shy.

3. Encourage a frequent visitor to help himself to toys when he comes. Always give him a choice.

4. For the child's comfort have a small chair or two, or low footstools.

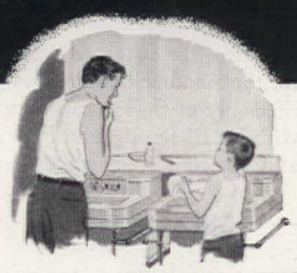
5. Give children a small gift such as a guest-size cake of soap. Elaborate gifts of candy or cookies can be overdone. Simple refreshments of fruit juice or unsweetened crackers are much better for the child and won't spoil his appetite.

Above all, keep your child guests busy and always make sure they are in sight. Be a pleasant hostess, just as you would be with adult guests, and the children will want to visit you again.

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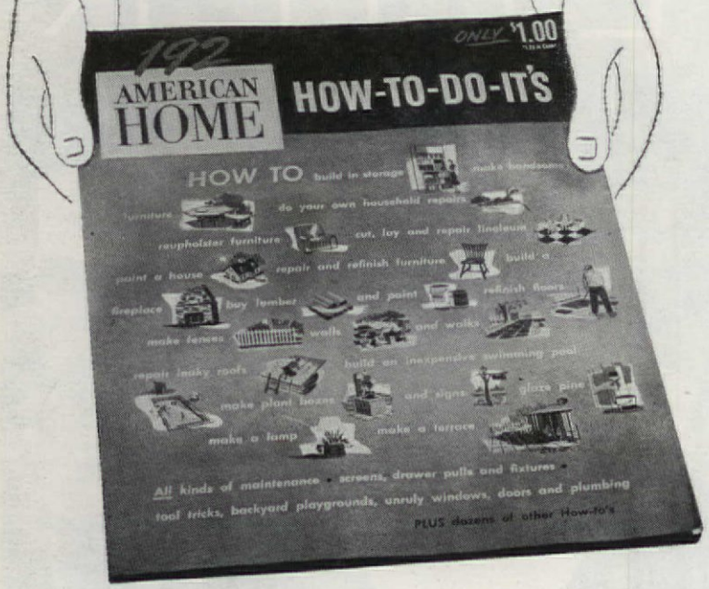


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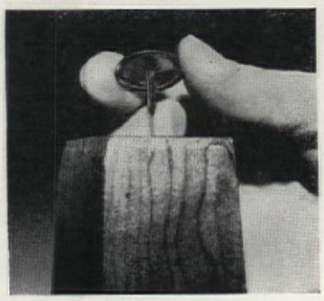
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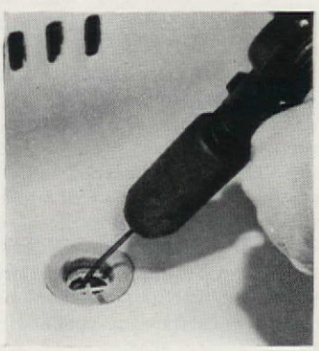
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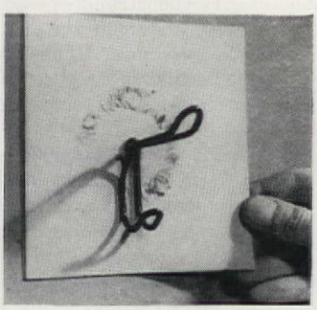
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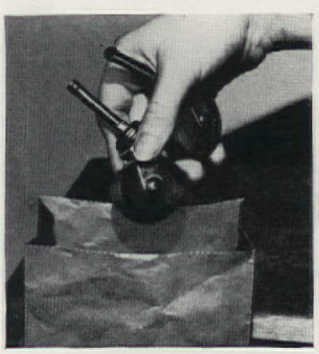
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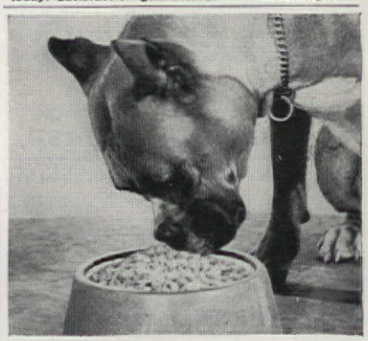


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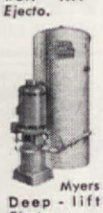


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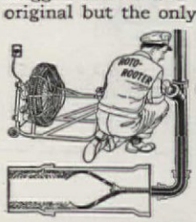
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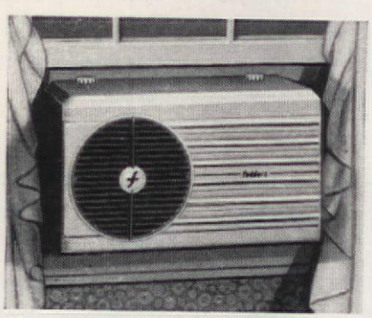

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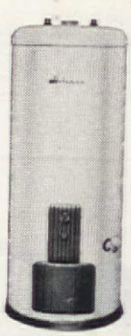


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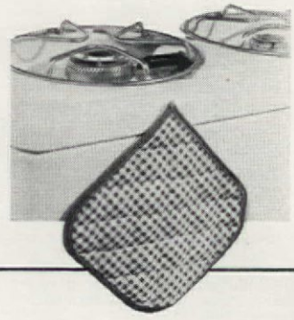
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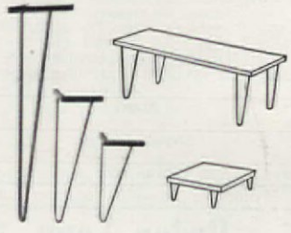


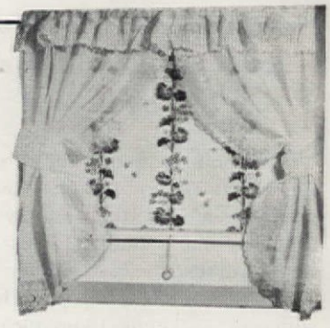
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